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## Progress seen as Taba talks overcome crisis

DESPITE a brief Palestinian walkout last night with threats to break off the talks, negotiations here resumed close to midnight. Differences were narrowed on Hebron, leading Foreign Minister Shimon Peres to say he hopes an agreement would be initiated in time for the cabinet to convene either tomorrow or Friday.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat staged a walkout last night over the shape of Israeli maps presented to him, which he charged would lead to "cantonization."

Arafat threatened to leave the talks altogether, but was mollified by phone calls from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and US Secretary of State Warren

Christopher. Peres confirmed in a late night briefing for Israeli journalists. "We cannot accept the Israelis cutting up our land, but both sides will meet again tonight to work this out," said Arafat spokesman Marwan Kanafani.

Sources say Arafat was particularly offended by remarks by OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran, who joined the talks for the first time last night and suggested that some Palestinian land would have to be divided for security reasons. Palestinians say the current map does not give them "territorial continuity" between villages, and allows Israeli incursions into Palestinian cities and vil-

DAVID MAKOVSKY  
TABA

lages in order to enable bypass roads to be built for settlers.

While the issue of maps has been discussed by Israelis and Palestinians for two weeks, Peres was not astonished when he said, "Tonight was the first time I think that Arafat saw the maps."

When asked if he thought the walkout was staged as a last-minute negotiating tactic, Peres responded, "I do not think so. I think it reflected the strong feelings that these issues bring out. I don't

think the chairman realized that there can be different zones, but they are still connected."

The issue of maps was not the only unresolved issue. The two sides remained divided on the release of Palestinian prisoners, electricity, and Hebron, although on this last issue there was a narrowing of the gaps that led both sides to be optimistic the issue would be resolved.

There was also a bridging of differences on areas such as archeology and holy sites, including Rachel's Tomb. On this point, Peres said, "We agreed that that Israel would have sole responsibility

for the main road from Gilo that leads to Rachel's Tomb. We decided not to build a new bypass road, as this would involve too much expropriation of land from Arabs."

Furthermore, it was agreed that the Palestinians would establish 25 police stations outside and apparently including municipal areas. An agreement was reached on how many police would serve at each station and that they can use rifles.

Quotas on policemen were reached in the past, but since then Arafat has doubled those numbers.

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### MONEY MAGAZINE

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### Ron Arad's mother: I feel betrayed

ALON PINKAS

BATYA Arad, the mother of missing navigator Ron Arad, said yesterday she feels betrayed by the government's apparent decision to release the hijacked Iranian jet and its passengers.

"The Arad family believes that after nine years in which Ron's whereabouts remain unknown, yet are linked to Iran, it is implausible that Israel would not take advantage of a situation involving Iranian nationals to advance Ron's cause," she said in a radio interview. Arad has been missing since his Phantom was shot down over Lebanon in 1986.

Although Iran denies any knowledge of Arad's whereabouts, it is widely believed here that the Iranians know where he was for part of the time and he may have been held either in Iran or by Iran in Lebanon.

"Mr. Rabin talks about a humanitarian gesture. I'd like to see these gestures work both sides. Today I feel betrayed by my government," Batya Arad said.

Ron Arad's brother Chen told Army Radio that Israel "should use this opportunity to create some kind of connection with the Iranian government."

Tsomet MK Pini Badash sent a telegram to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin demanding that the more than 170 Iranians be exchanged for Ron Arad. "This is an opportunity we have to take advantage of," Badash told The Associated Press. "It's our chance to get Arad back."



IDF special forces guard the rear door of the Iranian Kish Air Boeing 707 airliner at Uvda Air Force Base yesterday.

## Hijacked Iranian jet lands near Eilat

### Six people on plane ask for asylum

AN Iranian passenger plane bound for a resort in the Persian Gulf was hijacked by a flight attendant after takeoff from Teheran yesterday, then landed at the Uvda Air Force Base northwest of Eilat, after being refused entry to Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

Last night, the plane was refueled and resupplied, and military cops were brought in for the passengers to spend the night. A decision on allowing the plane to return to Iran is expected today.

The hijacker, in his 30s, who was reportedly fed up with life in Iran, surrendered less than an hour after the Kish Air Boeing 707 carrying 181 people touched down in Israel.

He initially asked for asylum in the United States, but later changed his request to ask to stay in Israel. Five of the passengers have also asked for political asylum in Israel, and their requests are being considered.

After flying over Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan, the pilot headed east to Israel, radioing the Ben-Gurion Airport control tower: "We must land in Tel Aviv. We cannot proceed. Did you copy? We are low on fuel. We are a hijacked aircraft. This is a distress call. We must make a crash landing."

After receiving permission to land in Israel from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, the plane landed at Uvda at 11:36 a.m.

Three hours later the passengers — including women in black chadors — were allowed off the plane and were brought to the base, where they were given army rations and offered first aid.

Rabin, who was attending a meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, decided to give the plane permission to land after the pilot said he

ALON PINKAS

was running out of fuel. However, Rabin refused their request to land at Ben-Gurion Airport for fear it could be on a suicide mission.

"I didn't want to be an accomplice to, or take responsibility for a crash of an airliner full of passengers," Rabin said.

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak then instructed air force jets to intercept the plane and escort it to Uvda.

Shahak, who monitored developments throughout the morning, said: "One of the flight attendants was sick of being in Iran, prepared a pistol, hijacked the plane, and forced the crew and passengers to

land in Israel. I don't like to think of hijacking as a terrorist act."

Some women, sitting in the lounge, appeared bewildered. "We were going to Kish, a place for buying things," said one woman. "Now we are here. I think it's Israel, no?"

Crew members, including the pilots, were questioned by army and police, while passengers were given lunch at the air base.

The jet was chartered by the airline from the Iranian military, and army sources in Uvda confirmed that the captain is an Iranian air force brigadier-general. He was questioned on the circumstances of the hijacking.

Officials in Teheran told news agencies the plane was leased to Kish Air by Saha, a military subsidiary carrier. News agencies quoted Kish officials saying that the crew were military personnel.

Last night UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali called Israeli envoy Gad Ya'acobi and requested that Israel let the plane and the passengers go.

## Two soldiers wounded in Hizbullah attacks

DAVID RUDGE

TWO IDF soldiers were wounded yesterday in two Hizbullah attacks in the security zone that sparked heavy exchanges of fire, according to reports from Lebanon.

According to the reports, Hizbullah gunmen detonated a roadside bomb in the Taibeh region just before 1:30 p.m. At 7 a.m. two soldiers were wounded when Hizbullah gunmen detonated a roadside bomb in the same area and, simultaneously, opened fire with mortars and long-range weapons at an IDF outpost in the region.

Reports from Lebanon said the two IDF soldiers were wounded and evacuated by helicopter to Rebecca Sieff Hospital in Safed.

According to the reports, IDF soldiers searched the area after the first bomb blast in an effort to catch the perpetrators and themselves came under fire from Hizbullah gunmen. It was not clear whether the two soldiers were wounded as a result of the bomb blast or from the Hizbullah shelling.

The incident sparked heavy exchanges in the area with Hizbullah gunmen firing Katyusha rockets, mortars and Sagger missiles from several different locations at IDF and South Lebanese Army targets around Taibeh and nearby Kantara.

IDF and SLA gunners responded with heavy artillery, tank and mortar fire at Hizbullah targets north of the security zone. Reports from Lebanon said IAF helicopter gunships were also in action in the area.

The fighting lasted for nearly three hours. Later, around 1:30 p.m., another roadside bomb exploded in the same area as the first, wounding another soldier. Hizbullah also claimed responsibility for the second incident saying its operatives had waited for IDF troops to search the area and had then detonated the second device. The second attack sparked more shooting in the region which later died down.

A Hizbullah official, speaking on the organization's radio station in Lebanon, said the attacks yesterday were Hizbullah's response to the recent "boasts" by OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amirani Levine, that the IDF had taken the initiative in the south Lebanon arena.

The attacks marked a further escalation in Hizbullah's operations, despite the recent heavy

losses suffered by the organization and Palestinian rejectionist terrorist groups at the hands of the IDF and SLA.

According to reliable reports, more than 20 Hizbullah terrorists and at least three Palestinians have been killed in the past few weeks in various incidents inside and north of the security zone.

Since then, Hizbullah has been hitting back with long-range firing at IDF and SLA positions and roadside bomb attacks against IDF and SLA targets inside the zone. There has also been increased cooperation between Hizbullah and Palestinian groups opposed to the peace talks between Israel and the PLO.

Two IDF soldiers, one of them reported to be a senior officer, were wounded in a roadside bomb attack near Marjayoun inside the zone on Sunday. The two wounded soldiers are recovering in Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

## Tulkarm policemen detained for murder, rape, bribe-taking

BILL HUTMAN

INTERNAL police queries about a stalled murder investigation have led to allegations of murder, rape and bribe-taking against police at Tulkarm police station.

Three policemen that work at the station, a lawyer, and a civilian cohort have already been detained, and more arrests are expected in the case.

Yesterday, the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court lifted a publication ban on the case, which is being probed by both a special district investigative team and the Justice Ministry's Police Investigations Division.

The chief suspect, Sgt. Jamil Halil, 40, "reigned by terror in the area," said deputy district commander Natan Karmarsky during a briefing of reporters about the affair.

Halil is suspected of repeatedly raping a 15-year-old girl in his village of Baka al-Gharbiya in July, and involvement in the murder 18 months ago of Kastro Abu Ful, a resident of

Tulkarm, where Halil has served for the past nine years.

Complaints, including a recent High Court petition, by the Abu Ful family that investigators at the station were not seriously investigating the murder sparked the internal probe that led to Halil's arrest two weeks ago.

Deputy commander David Peretz, heading the internal police investigation, said Halil is suspected of involvement in the murder, but not of "pulling the trigger" himself.

In addition, Halil has admitted stopping Palestinian drivers in the Tulkarm area for the past two years for alleged traffic violations and taking thousands of shekels in return for not issuing tickets.

Police believe Halil worked together with another Tulkarm station policeman, Mushu'a Jalamah, and officer Jamil Issa, as well as with

Jenin lawyer Sami Ashour. All three have been detained and admitted their involvement, police said.

Karmarsky said the policemen under suspicion were being dismissed immediately. Yesterday, Ashour, Issa, and Jalamah were released on bail pending the start of their trials.

Halil and Tulkarm resident Jalal Kassem, also detained in connection with the rape of the teenage girl, are being held until the start of their trials.

Police appealed to Tulkarm area residents and other Palestinians with complaints against the suspects in custody, or other policemen, to immediately come forward.

Karmarsky admitted that Palestinians were reluctant to make complaints because they had little faith in the Israeli Police. He said he hoped the arrests would demonstrate to area residents they could count on the police.

## Previous unscheduled landings in Israel

ISRAEL has been the host of many unscheduled plane landings in the past, including the following:

- August 16, 1966: An Iraqi pilot defects in a MIG-21.
- August 12, 1969: Two Syrian pilots land MIG-17s here because of navigational error and are detained until they are exchanged for Israeli POWs in 1973.
- May 9, 1972: IDF commandos disguised as airport technicians storm a Sabena airliner hijacked by Palestinian terrorists in Brussels and forced to land at Lod. They rescue all 97 passengers, but one later dies of gunfire wounds. Two male terrorists die in the fight; two women terrorists are captured.
- February 21, 1973: A Libyan passenger plane heads into Israeli-controlled airspace over the Sinai Peninsula and does not respond to calls from civilian ground control or Israeli pilots. Two IAF Phantoms shoot down the aircraft, killing 105 people.
- August 10, 1973: IAF planes force an Iraq Airways airliner to land at an air base with 74 passengers. It is released two hours later. Israel says it thought Palestinian

terrorist leaders were aboard.

- February 4, 1986: IAF jets intercept a Libyan plane over the Mediterranean Sea, about 320 kms off the Israeli coast, and force it to land at an air base. Israel says the plane, with nine passengers and three crew members traveling from Tripoli to Damascus, was suspected of carrying terrorist leaders. It is allowed to continue its journey five hours later.
- December 2, 1988: Five armed Soviet hijackers surrender and free a hostage Aeroflot flight crew, ending a two-day drama that began when they seized a busload of children in southern Russia and demanded a plane to Tel Aviv. The four men and one woman, who wanted to flee the Soviet Union, carry \$3.3m. paid by the Soviet government as ransom for releasing the youngsters. Hijackers are returned to the Soviet Union.
- October 11, 1989: A Syrian air force pilot defects to Israel with his Soviet-made MIG-23 fighter, flying over the Golan Heights and landing at a civilian airfield in northern Israel.

(AP)

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# Iranian tourists get trip of lifetime

It definitely was not this tourist group's first choice of a holiday destination.

Clad in black chadors in an air terminal usually frequented by skimpily dressed European tourists, women from an Iranian plane hijacked to Israel chatted in small groups as they awaited word they would be going home.

At another end of the building in Ovdia, a desert air base in southern Israel that serves Eilat, men from the flight knelt for afternoon prayers.

"Strange, strange, strange," an air force officer muttered as he surveyed the crowd.

Hours earlier, their steward had served up a surprise – a gunshot and an announcement they were being hijacked.

"We were heading to Kish Island for a holiday. Then we came here. I never thought we would be in Israel sometime. I am very surprised to be here," said passenger Mehdy Garayali, a 45-year-old English teacher.

"Believe it or not, until we landed over here we had no idea where we had landed. The crew members didn't tell us where we were and I recognized some Israeli words on a sign and told some friends we were in Israel," he said.

Most of the 177 passengers from the white Boeing 707 appeared at ease and relieved their ordeal was nearly over as they munched chocolate handed out by IDF soldiers.



An IDF soldier offers passengers from the hijacked Iranian airliner refreshments at Ovdia Air Force Base yesterday. (IDF Spokesman)

But a medical officer said some of the Iranians had suffered anxiety attacks.

But the focus was on hospitality, not hostility, at the heavily-guarded air base.

"They treated us to lunch and drinks – and I thank them for this nice hospitality. We are looking forward to going back (home)," Garayali said.

A young woman who gave her

name as Mahshi said it was her first trip abroad.

"We wanted to go to Kish for travel and shopping," she said, expressing the hope the passengers would go home soon.

"I like my country," she said. At least one woman did not want to leave empty-handed. She asked a member of a flight crew for an air force hat as a souvenir for her child. (Reuters)

## Report: Liba'i checking if PA trials took place

JACOB DALLAL

JUSTICE Minister David Liba'i is trying to get copies of the legal documents used in the recent Palestinian Authority trials of the suspected terrorists whose extraditions were requested by Israel to prove whether such trials did indeed take place, the Peace Watch organization said yesterday.

"Legal sources told us they are not sure if there was even a trial or whether these people are in jail," said Shosh Givon, a spokeswoman for the organization.

Justice Minister David Liba'i confirmed that Liba'i had asked the PA to show him the court rulings.

In a report released yesterday,

a year after the first extradition request was made by Israel, Peace Watch said the PA received 10 official requests for the extradition of 16 suspected terrorists, but did not comply with any of them.

Peace Watch noted that according to Annex III of the Gaza/Jericho agreement, the PA must transfer any suspects for whom Israel submits an official request to its own courts to solve the crisis.

Peace Watch said the PA has tried three of those wanted by Israel: the two men wanted for the murder of Wadi Kelt hikers Oded Bachrach and Ori Shohar, and a man wanted for killing of two Israelis in Ramle last August.

However, regarding requests for extradition of criminals, most of whom escaped from the West Bank to Jericho, Peace Watch notes that the PA has accepted to five requests out of seven, handing over nine persons.

## Policemen get jail terms for mistreatment of prisoners

FIVE members of the Jerusalem police minorities division were sentenced to jail terms by the Jerusalem District Court yesterday for mistreating Arabs from eastern Jerusalem during questioning.

The five were also charged with fabricating evidence and violating the public trust in the case, in which 10 members of the division were originally indicted in 1991 for violent interrogations between 1989-90.

The five were accused of beating and mistreating an unspecified number of prisoners and extracting confessions by force. Most testimony came from members of the Al-Jol' family of eastern Jerusalem in 1989, who claimed they were tortured and their policies of crime and terrorism were undermined.

However, he also noted that the charges were based solely on testimony from the Al-Jols, whom he said had plenty of opportunities to work on their story with PFLP members. Their questionable testimony had resulted in the five other policemen being cleared of all charges, he noted. (Item)

vice and four suspended. Rafi Levy was given three months' imprisonment, three months of community service, and six months suspended. Policeman Ilan Chen got three months' imprisonment, to be replaced by community service, and five suspended, while Yossi Ben-Yair was sentenced to public service without being formally convicted. The lawyers for three of the policemen said they would appeal the sentences.

Judge Ya'acov Tzemah wrote in his ruling that the charges reflected a widespread phenomenon in the police, and the sentences corresponded to the serious damage the policemen had caused the force and the "degree to which they undermined public confidence in the police."

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## Holocaust survivor wins battle for reparations

MARILYN HENRY  
NEW YORK

AFTER four decades, a Holocaust survivor has won his bitter battle for reparations from Germany.

Hugo Prinz, 72, and 10 other US survivors will share a \$2.1 million settlement, said two congressmen, Frank Pallone (D-NJ) and Charles Schumer (D-NY).

That settlement, officially between the US and Germany, will be divided according to a formula that takes into account their time in concentration camps or as slave laborers, and their suffering.

Although the settlement does not create a new category of survivors entitled to reparations, the congressmen said yesterday that others may qualify for compensation. The criteria for reparations will be published at a later date.

Representatives of the State Department and the German government yesterday signed the agreement, which also stipulates that a separate action against the German companies that profited from the use of slave labor in the camps will not be pursued.

That referred to Prinz's suit against the successors of the Nazi-era companies, including Bayer A.G., Messerschmidt-Boelkow-Blohm, BASF A.G., and Hoechst A.G.

Prinz, of Highland Park, New Jersey, had tried to sue the German government for reparations, but his efforts were blocked when Germany argued that US law had protected it from being sued in American courts. Congress had been considering legislation that would have allowed Prinz to proceed with his suit.

The son of a naturalized American father, Prinz was living with his family in Slovakia in 1942 when the Germans sent them to the camps. His family died at Treblinka.



David Ben-Shimon, jailed in 1984 for killing an Arab in a rocket attack on an Arab bus near Bethlehem, is freed from prison yesterday. His life sentence was reduced to 11 years after being commuted twice by former president Chaim Herzog and having time deducted for good behavior. (Israel Sun)

## Hebron Jews to fight redeployment

HERB KEINON

KIRYAT Arba and Hebron settlers are planning a meeting Saturday night, with the participation of Likud MK Ariel Sharon, to decide on ways to combat IDF redeployment in Hebron.

"The main problem is that the government does not understand the importance of Hebron to the Jewish people," said Kiryat Arba activist Yehoshua Shani. "They don't understand the importance Hebron has for a great many people. It will be impossible for them to carry out their plans."

According to Shani, the Jews in the area consider bringing Palestinian Police into Hebron as the beginning of the expulsion of the Jews from the city.

He said the settlers are preparing ways to combat the government's plans regarding Hebron. He said this includes a public re-

lations offensive, as well as "other campaigns." He would not elaborate.

Ron Shechner, the head of the Hebron Hills Regional Council, warned on Israel Radio that any contact between settlers and Palestinian police – "even eye contact" – would lead to "explosions" everywhere.

According to Shechner, Palestinian Police in the city would be tantamount to "waving a red flag in front of a bull."

Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni accused the settlers of blackmail and said they should never have been allowed to move there in the first place. "Hebron is an Arab city... the entry (of the settlers) into Hebron was a sin... if they are bent on bloodshed, heaven help us," she told Israel TV.

### NEWSLINE

with DAVID MENASHRI

Menashri is a professor at Tel Aviv University's Dayan Center for Middle East Studies.

What legal obligations does Israel have in terms of international law towards Iran, especially in view of the relations between the two countries?

From the moral point of view, Israel behaved in a most decent fashion. Iran is a hostile country which declares daily its intention of destroying Israel and encourages terrorist activities. It was initially not clear what the plane's intentions were, and Muslim countries had refused to allow it to land. The reception in Israel was not unpleasant or threatening. In short, Israel behaved in a humanitarian fashion as one would expect.

Was the prime minister's decision to let the plane land congruent with his declared attitude towards Iran as the major source of Islamic fundamentalism which is threatening the Middle East and the world?

It is interesting to note that the prime minister decided to distinguish between the attitude of the Iranian regime towards Israel and that of the Iranian and Moslem people on this subject.

I hope that when the Iranian people see the pictures, they will notice that the so-called Zionist enemy is not so bad after all.

Can Israel expect retaliation or complications?

Whoever deals with Iran can expect complications. However it is natural that there would be hijackings in a regime which is facing such severe crises. The passengers who were for the most part on a trip to a resort area appear to be part of the socio-economic class that is hard hit by the country's current woes.

Is it relevant to try to use the situation to get information on Ron Arad and other MIAs?

Any event connected with Iran and Hizbullah is relevant. The question is whether it is effective, whether the situation can be utilized to get information.

Unfortunately, I'm skeptical about that, especially in view of the fact that Israel subscribes to different ethical standards from those practiced by the Iranians. I understand the Arad family's feelings but I'm not sure it's possible to exploit the situation to achieve a breakthrough.

Basheva Tsar

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Tourist suspected in Tel Aviv murder

A tourist from the CIS was arrested yesterday on suspicion of stabbing two men – one of them fatally – during a quarrel in their Tel Aviv apartment, near the old central bus station.

The suspect told police he stabbed the two men because he suspected they stole the severance pay he earned from a job he had here. One of the men suffered severe injuries and died shortly after arriving at Ichilov Hospital. The other injured man is in serious condition. (Item)

#### Knesset meeting in special session today

The Knesset is due to meet in special session today, at the request of the Labor and Meretz factions, to discuss the recent murder of a Palestinian man in Halhoul. The Likud also sought the special session, in order to discuss the Arafat-Peres talks and the possibility of a Palestinian prisoner release. (Jerusalem Post Staff)

#### Actors to hold meeting on Habimah

The Histadrut has called the country's theater actors to an emergency meeting Friday to rally them in support of the Habimah National Theater against "the growing trend to disband the theater and its role in the community." The actors' representatives said the acting community's silence and forbearance "has caused us to be disregarded in any deliberations by the various [public] committees." (Helen Kaye)

#### Suspected collaborator killed in Kalkilya

A Palestinian man suspected of collaborating with Israel was shot to death by a masked assailant yesterday, Arab reporters and the IDF said. Juma Swairki, 45, was shot in the head several times in Kalkilya and died instantly, the Palestinian sources said. Swairki, who was widely considered a collaborator, had received death threats. His brother was killed in 1988, also after being suspected as a collaborator. (AP)

#### Ravitz calls Aloni an antisemite

"There has never been a bigger antisemite than that aging girl," Degel Hatorah MK Avraham Ravitz said yesterday about Communications Minister Shimon Peres. "This wicked girl hates people, hates Jews," Ravitz told Israel Radio, in response to accusations by Aloni that religious elements had influenced the prime minister to change the theme of the new school year from "The Year of Science" to "The Year of Industry and Education." (Item)

#### Arson destroys murder suspects' homes

Four houses belonging to the Shubak family of Halhoul, whose sons are suspected of slaying Salman Azamareh of Halhoul two weeks ago, were torched last night. Witnesses said the houses were destroyed, but the residents escaped unhurt. It is believed members of the Azamareh family set the blaze. Ismail Shubak, the cousin of suspect Sammy Shubak, said his cousin worked for Israeli intelligence and was a traitor. He vowed Shubak's family would try to kill Shubak even if he is imprisoned. (Item)

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### SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The weekly meeting of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. Asher Ben-Ari will speak on "National Council for the Welfare of the Child."

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Participants will gather at the entrance to the Har Hamenuhot Cemetery at 9:00 a.m.

## TA man accused of bilking US banks out of \$20m.

BILL HUTMAN

AT the request of the FBI, the Police Serious Crimes Division has opened an investigation into a businessman holding dual American-Israeli citizenship who allegedly cheated US banks out of over \$20 million.

The suspect, Ze'ev Bashan, was detained Monday by police and his Tel Aviv area home searched. He was released on bail after questioning and forbidden to leave the country.

A police spokesman said yesterday that Bashan is suspected of illegally obtaining loans from US banks while working as a developer in San Francisco, California between 1989 and 1992.

In 1993, charges were filed against Bashan in California, and he fled to Israel. The US government recently formally asked the Justice Ministry to either extradite Bashan or put him on trial here.

During his remand hearing Monday, Attorney Dov Weissglass, representing Bashan, said the suspect could not be extradited because he was an Israeli citizen, and must be tried here.

Weissglass said the allegations his client cheated banks out of \$20m. are exaggerated.

The serious crimes division is working closely together with the FBI on the case, the police spokesman said.

## Barak planning for increased population

HIGH-rise residential and industrial building, an ultramodern transportation system, and the moving of Ben-Gurion Airport to a less densely populated region to allow for construction at its current location are among the projects Interior Minister Ehud Barak hopes his ministry will tackle in the next several years.

Barak outlined his plans at a press conference yesterday for a future Israel he envisions having a population of 12 million, including most of today's Diaspora Jews. There would be far less land resources, less green space and the area north of the Negev may become the world's most densely populated region, Barak said.

The interior minister said advanced planning is required to meet the challenge, and to facilitate this ministry officials introduced a plan for simplifying the construction process. Barak welcomed the recent amendment to the building statute which will allow government ministries, local council or an individual who owns or want to own land to initiate a master building plan. Before, it could only be initiated by the local planning council.

Other organizational changes are also in the works, including improving the performance of district planning committees, and a cadets course on planning administration which will start next year in coordination with the Technion. (lim)

## Scientists pursuing Alzheimer's cure through mice

JUDY SIEGEL

HEBREW University scientists have developed a new strain of mice that suffer from deterioration in learning ability and memory, similar to the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease victims.

The rodents are expected to assist in the examination of the effectiveness of medications to be developed and even for finding ways of preventing the disease.

The advance, announced by Prof. Hermona Soreq of the Silberman Institute for Life Sciences on the Givat Ram campus, was published in the latest issue of *Current Biology* and reviewed in the *New Scientist*.



Belgian Crown Prince Philip meets the children of new immigrants yesterday at the Jewish Agency absorption center in Mevasseret Zion. (Brian Hendler)

## Settler accused of killing Arab makes bail

Jerusalem Post Staff

BEIT El resident Ze'ev Liebskind, charged with manslaughter and obstructing justice in the death of Dura al-Kara resident Khair Kassam at Har Arus last month, was released from jail yesterday pending trial.

Jerusalem District Court Judge Michaela Shidlowitz-Or conditioned the release on Liebskind not entering Judea, Samaria, or eastern Jerusalem, and on not carrying a weapon. As a result, Liebskind will live in his mother's home on a moshav near Ashdod. The state attorney had request-

ed that Liebskind be held in custody until the end of legal proceedings. A trial date has not yet been set.

Liebskind allegedly shot at a group of Palestinians who were fleeing after rampaging through a tent encampment at Har Aris, where settlers from nearby Beit El were trying to establish a presence. The Palestinians had destroyed a structure being built there by the settlers, as well as religious texts.

Liebskind was arrested after photographs showed him aiming his assault rifle at the Palestinians.

The prosecution originally wanted to indict Liebskind on murder charges, but reduced the charge to manslaughter. Liebskind maintains his innocence.

According to the indictment, Liebskind also tried to alter his rifle to prevent police from making a ballistic match.

After the hearing, Liebskind told reporters he believes he will be acquitted.

## Health Ministry told to determine if Tnuva milk additive is dangerous

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee yesterday called on the Health Ministry to establish a committee of experts to determine, once and for all, whether the dimethyl siloxane Tnuva added to its long-life, low-fat milk posed any health danger.

Dr. Boaz Lev, associate director-general at the ministry, said Tnuva's "sin"

was adding a foreign substance to the milk, and not because it is known to cause any disease.

The committee, headed by MK Yossi Katz, also called on the authorities to take action against violators after the truth is established. Katz suggested that Tnuva director-general Yitzhak Landesman take leave until the Danon commit-

tee named by Tnuva to investigate the matter reaches its conclusions.

Tnuva board of directors chairman Shalom Simhon apologized over the "misunderstanding" that caused him to prevent Yitzhak Landesman from appearing before the committee last week.

The company's legal advisers, who accompanied the officials, instructed them not to provide details about the addition of the chemical to the milk because the matter was *sub judice*. The manager of the Rehovot dairy where the chemical was added, Zvi Vershaviak, also declined to comment for this reason.

Yossi Sa-Nes, director of the Hista-

dut's Consumer Protection Authority, said Tnuva's behavior was "unspeakable" and that the Health Ministry was "insensitive" to public feelings. Public health expert Dr. Jerry Westin claimed "lack of evidence about a substance being a carcinogen doesn't mean it actually isn't a carcinogen." He said the ministry was "protecting Tnuva."

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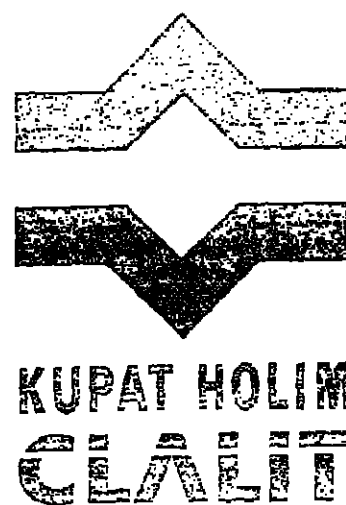
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## Pope pleads for Rwanda

NAIROBI (Reuters) - Pope John Paul II called yesterday for an end to the "terrible tragedy" in Rwanda and Burundi, saying forgiveness and reconciliation were the only way to prevent ethnic conflict there and elsewhere in Africa.

"Dear refugees, know that more than ever I am close to you and share your immense pain," the Pope, speaking in French, told refugees from Rwanda and Burundi in a crowd of some 250,000 worshippers at a huge open-air mass in central Nairobi.

"What is happening in your countries is a terrible tragedy that must end," he said at the end of the service, the biggest of his week-long tour of Africa.

During the mass, celebrated from an altar built beneath a big thatched roof in Nairobi's Uhuru Park, the Pope said forgiveness and reconciliation were "the only way to dispel the threats which hover over the Africa of ethnic conflict."

It was the first time during his trip that the Roman Catholic Church leader had referred at any length to last year's genocide in Rwanda, where up to one million Tutsis and allied Hutus were put to death in a frenzy of ethnic slaughter.

Killings continue on a daily basis in Rwanda and Burundi, obstructing the return of two million refugees.

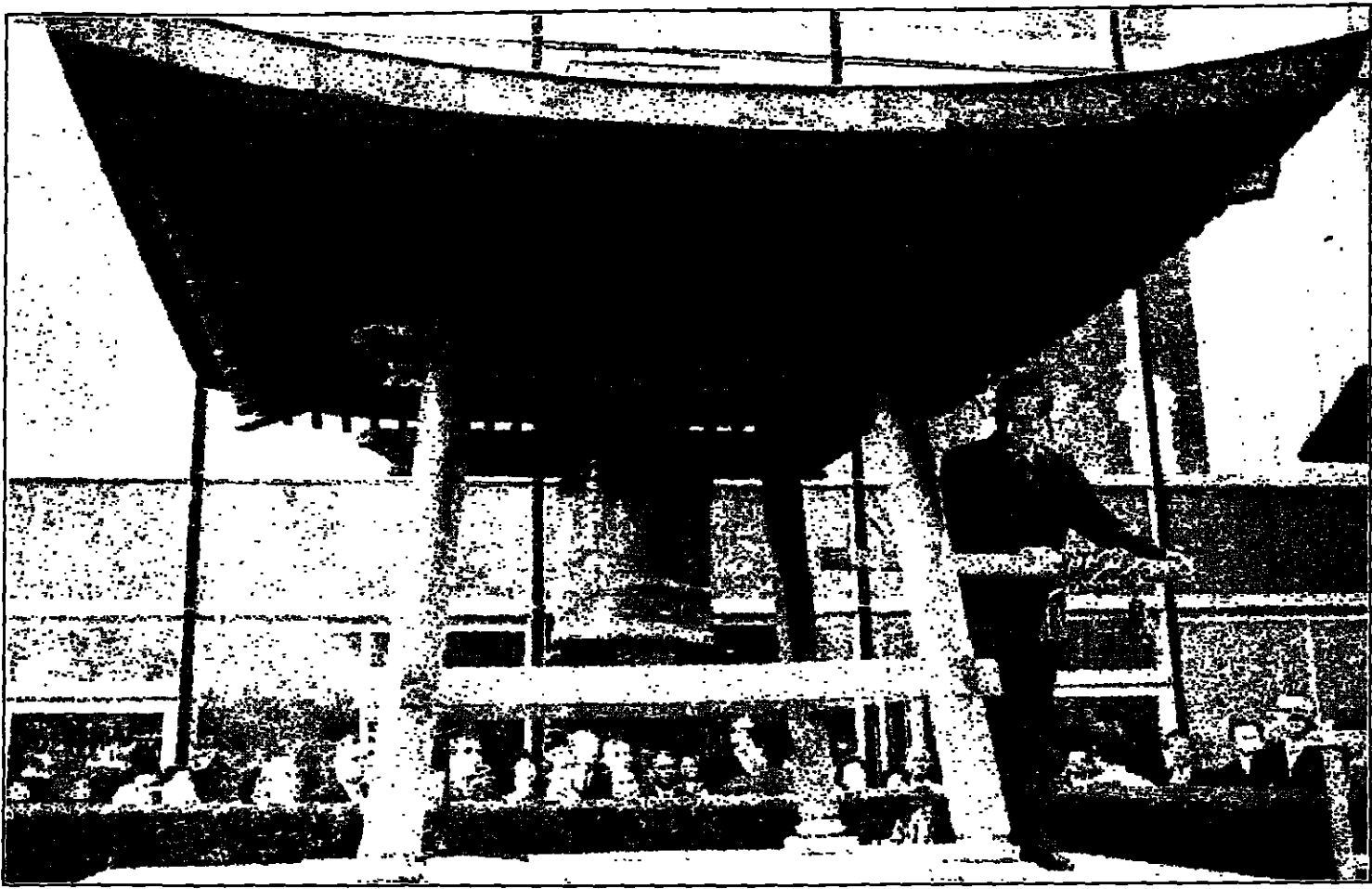
The Pope, 75, visited Kenya, South Africa and Cameroon to present the results of a synod of African bishops held at the Vatican last year on the future of Roman Catholicism on the continent, the world's poorest.

In a speech to a post-synod meeting in Nairobi of East African bishops and leaders of other religions, the Pope said the Church in Africa had to set a social and moral example.

"If Africa is fragmented and divided, the Church as the Family of God must be a model of unity for society," he told the audience at Resurrection Garden, a Catholic sanctuary on the outskirts of the Kenyan capital.

"If Africa is hurt by poverty, corruption, injustice, and the lack of a wage agreement, it is a tragedy for the whole world," he said, urging support for the community.

He urged Africans to shun what was "least good" about consumer societies - an apparent reference to abortion, contraception, liberal sexual practices and unbridled capitalism.



UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali rings the peace bell outside UN headquarters in New York yesterday to mark the start of the 50th General Assembly session. The world body marks its 50th anniversary this year. (Reuters)

## Croatia halts offensive in Bosnia

SARAJEVO (Reuters) - Croatia pulled out of fighting in northwest Bosnia under intense diplomatic pressure yesterday and UN peacekeepers said Bosnian Serb forces had dug in to defend their stronghold of Banja Luka.

Peacekeepers reported the Bosnian Serb Army (BSA) was putting up stronger resistance to an offensive by allied Bosnian government and Croat forces which has pushed to within 50 km of Banja Luka.

Western governments and the United Nations feared the fighting could wreck peace efforts led by US envoy Richard Holbrooke who was meeting the presidents of Croatia and Bosnia in Zagreb.

The confrontation in the northwest appeared not to have affected the withdrawal of Bosnian Serb siege guns from Sarajevo where NATO said it was satisfied with progress ahead of a 10 p.m. deadline today.

Croatian President Franjo Tudjman ordered his forces to stop all military action in northwest Bosnia after a blunt warning by

US Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbot who said on television:

"The light here is red. It's a red stop light. Stop the fighting. Go back to the negotiating table."

He was echoed by British Defense Secretary Malcolm Rifkind, who told Bosnian leaders that an attack on Banja Luka could cause a "massive catastrophe" and provoke intervention by Serbian-led rump Yugoslavia.

Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, weary of Bosnian Serb refusal to work with international mediators, has cooperated with Holbrooke's shuttle diplomacy in favour of a settlement of the 41-month war.

But the Moslem-Croat offensive this month has created an extra 100,000 Bosnian Serb refugees and any attempt to capture Banja Luka could foment irresistible political pressure on Milosevic to switch tack.

The Bosnian Serb share of the country has fallen in just a few days from around 70 percent to 51.5 percent - close to the division foreseen by a Big Power peace plan the

Serbs reject.

While the Croatian government appeared to bow to the pressure, the Bosnian government's position was more ambiguous.

Foreign Minister Muhamed Sacirbey told Rifkind that Moslems accepted Banja Luka was a Serb fief.

But in public he said he wanted "peaceful transition to the authority and sovereignty of Bosnia-Herzegovina," implying a claim to possession of it by the Sarajevo government.

The offensive could however already be running out of impetus.

Withdrawal of the Croatian Army's tanks and artillery would sharply reduce the military effectiveness of Bosnian government forces and their Bosnian Croat allies.

UN peacekeepers said the BSA had dug in west and south of Banja Luka and "they're actually putting up much stiffer resistance."

Two Danish UN soldiers were killed and seven others were wounded, one of them seriously, when a shell slammed into the bunker at the town of Dvor.

## group seeks black-Jewish alliance

MARILYN HENRY  
NEW YORK

deep and special bond between Jews and African-Americans," said Myrlie Evers Williams, chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). "Ours is a relationship that has been tested in the struggle for higher ground."

In a speech Monday night to the World Jewish Congress in New York, Evers Williams noted that a Jew, Henry

Moskowitz, was one of the founders of the civil rights organization, whose history goes back to the beginning of this century.

Once a proud union in the American struggle for civil rights, black-Jewish relations have been strained in the last decade. Jews fear anti-Semitism among blacks, who in turn "increasingly complain of growing racism among Jews," she said.

"We worry that the Jewish community has abandoned the historic alliance for social justice and, in some instances, joined the opposition to our continuing struggle for economic opportunity," Evers Williams said.

"In times like these we cannot - we must not - duck or avoid the fundamental question: Can Jews and African-Americans be friends and allies once again? The answer must be a resounding yes, because what happens between us will have deep consequences for what happens to all of us."

## 'Washington Post,' 'NY Times' join to publish Unabomber manifesto

WASHINGTON (AP) - In an extraordinary decision made jointly with the 'New York Times,' the 'Washington Post' yesterday published the entire 35,000-word manifesto of the terrorist known as the Unabomber. The newspapers were according to a request from the US government.

The Justice Department hinted it hoped publication would help lead to the capture of the Unabomber after 17 years.

"Recent publications of excerpts by newspapers and other publications, as well as the review by selected academicians, have resulted in numerous investigatory leads which continue to be followed," Justice Department spokeswoman Lee Douglass said when first editions were circulating in Washington.

Times publisher Arthur Sulzberger Jr. and Post publisher Donald E. Graham said in a joint statement that they made the decision to print the huge manifesto "for public safety reasons" after three months of deliberations and consultations with top government law enforcement officials.

The Unabomber, whose 16 bombs have killed three and injured 23 others since 1978, sent his manifesto to the two newspapers in June, with the demand that the full text be published within three months in order to end his killing campaign. The Times and the Post published excerpts of the manifesto on August 2.

Facing the three-month deadline Sunday, the Post printed the bomber's unaltered treatise as a special pull-out section in yesterday's edition.

The Post has the technical ability to distribute a special section in all copies of its daily. The Times, which will share printing costs, does not have the same capacity, the publishers' statement said.

Graham said publication of the

section would cost \$30,000 to \$40,000. He insisted the publication would not set a precedent. "I think this is a singular case," the Post quoted him as saying.

One media expert said he was stunned by the publication. "It's unprecedented that papers would allow someone else to dictate their coverage," said William Serrin, chairman of New York University's journalism department and a former Times reporter.

"That's just one of the most inviolate rules of American journalism, that when you have a paper the responsibilities are grave and great and no one - not the government, law enforcement, local prosecutors - no one should dictate what you cover," Serrin said.

Michael Rustigan, a criminologist at San Francisco State University and an expert in serial killers who has studied the Unabomber for almost two decades, said that bowing to the terrorist's demand could set a dangerous precedent and risk generating copycats.

"I think we all feel a bit uneasy rewarding a cold-blooded killer with a 17-year track record," Rustigan said. "It basically confirms that violence is the way you get published, get famous."

Even so, Rustigan added that publishing the full text may be the only hope investigators have for breaking the case.

"This is going to lead to more tips, more calls. It is going to heighten possibility that someone's going to recognize, the twist of a phrase, certain sentences, little bits," Rustigan said.

Newspaper officials were clearly uncomfortable with their decision.

"Neither paper would have printed this document for journalistic reasons," Graham said in an interview with the Post. "We thought there was an obvious public safety issue involved and therefore sought the advice of responsible federal officials. We are printing it for public safety reasons, not journalistic reasons."

## Shevardnadze attacks corruption in Georgia

TBILISI (Reuters) - Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze yesterday announced a crackdown against state corruption after a sacked deputy minister and a paramilitary leader were accused of trying to assassinate him.

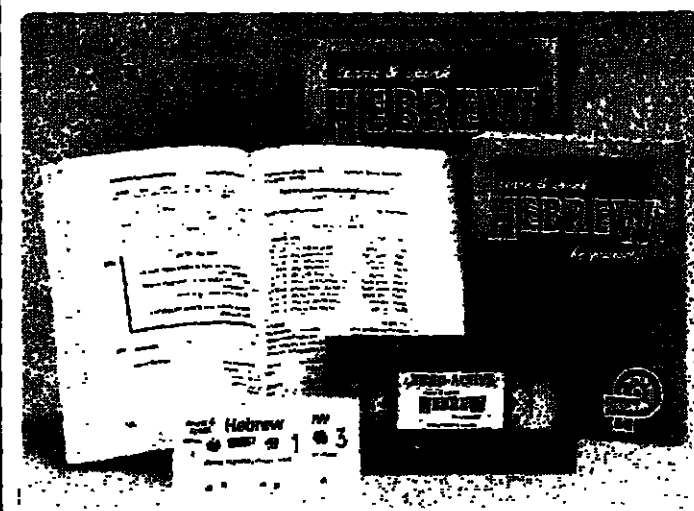
Shevardnadze, who was slightly hurt in a bomb attack on his motorcade last month, said criminals had been discovered in Georgia's security organizations.

"Steps will be taken soon to step up the fight against corruption, first of all in state structures, which are seriously infected with this horrible disease," the 67-year-old former Soviet foreign minister said in parliament.

"The security organs turned out to be polluted not only with dubious elements but also criminals," he told reporters later.

The Interior Ministry on Monday accused former deputy security minister Temur Khachashvili and Gia Gelashvili, a leader of the Mkhedromi paramilitary group, of masterminding last month's bomb attack against Shevardnadze.

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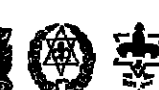



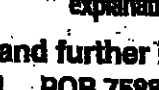


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## Tension worsens for Sudan, Egypt

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**T**HREATENING to escalate an already simmering dispute, Sudan said this week it might retaliate after Egypt downgraded its diplomatic links with Sudan's Islamist government.

"Sudan will not be much affected by lowering the Egyptian diplomatic mission and Sudan has the option and right to react," said Ahmed Ibrahim al-Tahir, a legal adviser to military leader Lt. Gen. Omar el-Bashir. He did not specify what action Sudan would take, but said the government regrets Egypt's "hostile campaign."

Egypt announced it would not appoint a new ambassador to Sudan, leaving the post vacant. Egyptian officials described it as the first official response to alleged Sudanese involvement in a June 26 attempt on President Hosni Mubarak's life in Ethiopia. Sudan has denied any involvement, but the allegations have worsened their relations, which have been strained since el-Bashir brought an Islamist government to power following a 1989 military coup.

Egypt accuses Sudan of training and financing Moslem extremists who have carried out hit-and-run attacks in Egypt since 1992. Meanwhile, Sudan said it will prosecute university students who participated in last week's violent antigovernment demonstrations.

Three people were killed in the riots, and at least 30 injured, according to government statements and news reports. Police Commissioner Maj. Gen. Abdel-Moneim Sayed Suleiman said students detained during the disturbances have been released until a trial date is set.

"Even those proved to have actually taken part in the riots have undergone interrogation and have been released," he told *Al-Khbar al-Yom* newspaper.

He did not say how many students had been arrested or what the charges would be. Suleiman said police had also arrested Ethiopians and Eritreans who had participated in the demonstrations.

Thousands of students and civilians took to the streets for four days last week, chanting antigovernment slogans, burning cars and stoning banks. Police dispersed the crowds using tear gas and some live ammunition.

The government has accused communists and leftists of being behind the unrest, as well as other opposition groups which met this summer in Eritrea and pledged to overthrow the Islamic regime.

The government also accused "foreign elements" of participating, but gave no details. Suleiman said the security situation in Khartoum and other cities was back to normal.

Meanwhile, Sudan's banned opposition Umma Party charged that its representative in Kenya had been abducted by security officials from the Sudanese embassy in Nairobi.

**N**EGOTIATIONS in Amman last week on the problem of the displaced persons from the West Bank ended with no progress on who should be defined as "displaced."

But all parties did agree there is a difference between a "displaced person" and a "refugee." "Refugees" are those who left what is now Israel in 1948 or earlier. Those who left the territories because of the Six Day War are "displaced."

Most of the displaced persons are from the West Bank. But the delegates from Israel, the PLO, Jordan and Egypt disagreed on who should be included and who should not.

Israeli delegates insisted that only those directly affected by the 1967 war be counted; the Arab delegates wanted to include people who left the West Bank before and after the war.

The estimated gap in the figures starts at 200,000 and runs to more than a million.

On the face of it, the problem seems to be just one more of those disputes that puts Israel on one side and Arab states on the other - the Arab states want to

push as many Palestinians as possible into the territories; Israel, for obvious reasons, is resisting that.

But this is far from being the complete picture. Not all the Arabs want to flood the West Bank with newcomers - neither the West Bankers themselves nor, surprisingly, the Jordanians.

Pragmatic Arabs realize a dramatic change in the West Bank demography would change its political and social structure drastically, and undermine the relative stability of the area.

The returnee issue may decide the future of the West Bank, and every Palestinian in that area may be affected personally by the way the Oslo agreement on dislocation is resolved.

It is noteworthy that West Bank representatives were all but absent from the PLO delegation. The head of the group was Zuhdi Said, one of Abu Jihad's people in Amman; the other delegates were all "old PLO," with the exception of Dr. Salim Tamari from Bir Zeit University.

Why did Zuhdi not ask for the participation of more conspicuous West Bankers? Why was the

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head of this delegation not a West Bank personality?

The answer lies not in any Israeli influence, but in the yawning differences between PLO and West Bank perspectives.

Two years ago, there was a conference in Tunis on the Palestinian refugee problem. Hanan Ashrawi of Ramallah, the spokeswoman of the old Palestinian delegation, was there.

Her position on the practicalities of the "right of return" was quite clear - returnees must be accepted only at a rate which the West Bank can absorb them and prevent chaos and deterioration in the territories.

Ashrawi's was not a lone voice. Many West Bank figures supported the idea that returnees should enter in orderly stages with first preference given to wealthier Palestinians who could make investments, help raise economic standards, and pave the way for the poorer Palestinians to follow.

The PLO does not concur. It is not very concerned about the stability of the existing social and political infrastructures in the West Bank.

The PLO says Palestinians should follow the example of Israel's early years, when all Jewish newcomers were absorbed regardless of criteria, quality or quantity, putting the national interest above all.

In this dispute between West Bank leaders and the PLO, Jordan, as usual, supports the West Bankers' position. The cliché that Jordan wants to "get rid" of as many Palestinians as possible is groundless - after all, Jordan alone absorbed some 200,000 Palestinians expelled from Kuwait and the Gulf.

Jordan is much more interested in the matter of West Bank stability. A turbulent West Bank spells trouble for Jordan, as happened during the intifada. Amman's policy now has a much sharper focus - to establish a clear distinction between the inhabitants of the West Bank and those of the East Bank.

Elections on each bank will decide nationality. Palestinians who

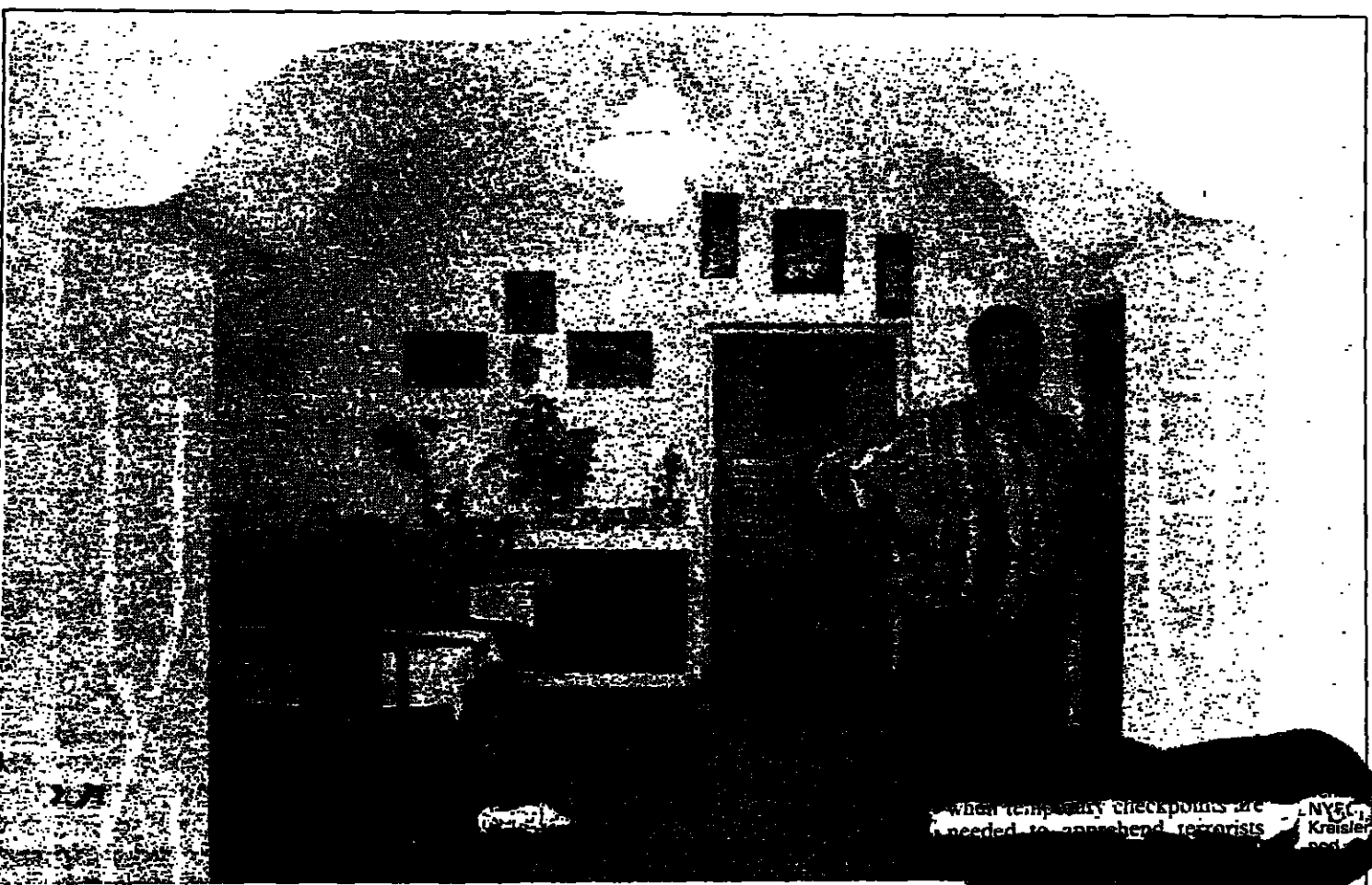
vote in the territories will identify themselves with the Palestinian Authority, and their Jordanian citizenship will be reconsidered.

Those who have already voted for Jordan's parliament will finally be defined as Jordanians. The PLO will lose all claim to represent them, although that doesn't mean Jordan will stop supporting Palestinian issues.

A correct reading of the whole issue, however, indicates that much of that support will be mere lip-service. Jordan's main interest is to send to the West Bank only those who have close links to the area - those true Palestinians who still feel they are strangers in Jordan.

The Oslo agreement also contradicts the PLO stand of packing the West Bank with returnees. The agreement clearly stipulates that the actual capability of the West Bank to absorb newcomers be the guiding principle.

Nevertheless, this is a sensitive issue and it will continue to be a bone of contention. While the snarling between the PLO and Israel will be in the open, that between the PLO and the West Bank will be behind the scenes.



Khaled Hindi, owner of the first kosher restaurant in Jordan, stands alone next to empty tables during lunch hour in Amman. Hindi says that he is closing down the kosher menu due to a low number of patrons. (Reuters)

## GCC declares Iraq should obey UN

**F**OREIGN ministers of six Gulf Arab states this week discussed developments in Iraq following the recent defection of a top aide to Saddam Hussein and two of the Iraqi leader's daughters.

In an inaugural address, Bahrain's Sheikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, whose country currently holds the rotating presidency of the Gulf Cooperation Council, called on Saddam to quickly implement United Nations resolutions to end the isolation and suffering of his people.

The Saudi-led GCC also urged Iran to adopt a "good neighbor" policy in its dispute with the United Arab Emirates over three Gulf islands.

Iran and the UAE have been locked in a dispute over the Gulf islands of Abu Musa, and the Greater and Lesser Tunbs. Iran claims the islands in 1971.

The GCC includes Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the UAE. GCC states were key backers of Kuwait when it was invaded by Iraq in 1990.

Because of their limited military means, they opened their countries to a US-led coalition that routed the Iraqis from Kuwait in the 1991 Gulf War.

The defection of key Iraqi figures to Jordan last month has raised the possibility of political turmoil in Iraq, which could ultimately bring down the regime.

Hussein Kamel, the brain behind Iraq's weapons programs, has called for the downfall of his father-in-law, Saddam Hussein. Sheikh Mohammed, the Bahraini foreign minister, said Iraq should free all Kuwaiti and other prisoners captured during its occupation of the emirate.

Baghdad has denied Kuwaiti claims that it still holds hundreds of prisoners.

He said Baghdad should cooperate with the UN and implement all resolutions in order to "ease the suffering of the Iraqi people and protect Iraq's sovereignty." (AP)

## Russians deny deal to sell Iraq 4,000 tanks



**W**ESTERN diplomats believe that, about two months ago, Russia agreed to sell Iraq 4,000 tanks, after the UN boycott ends. (*Al-Khbar* on September 6 reported a deal for 400). Russia denies the existence of such a deal.

*Al-Khbar's* diplomatic sources say the Russian denial comes from the spokesman of the company that manufacturers the tanks. One source described the denial as "vague and unconvincing" and said it merely strengthens belief that the deal is already signed.

The sources added that the Iraqi defector, Gen. Hussein Kamel Hassan, signed the agreement, estimated to be worth \$2 billion to \$3b., when he visited Moscow two months ago.

They say Iraq probably wanted the deal to encourage Moscow to lobby for a lifting of the economic boycott against Baghdad.

The sources said the significance of the denial being issued by the tank manufacturer rather than by the Russian Foreign Ministry was that it left the deal "unofficial," hence not a breach of sanctions.

The Russian company spokesman said the size of the deal "seems very large." This indicated to the diplomatic sources that a deal exists but that its size is in question.

The sources said the information emanated from Hussein Kamel, who passed it to UN weapons inspector Rolf Ekeus when they met in Amman three weeks ago.

Hussein Kamel told a French news agency on September 7 that Russia's denial of the purchase contract for the 4,000 tanks is false.

He said it would have been better if Valery Pogranzov, the spokesman for the company concerned, had said nothing. "If this denial is correct, what is the person in charge of Iraqi Army equipment now doing in Moscow, accompanied by six officers?" Hussein Kamel asked.

He added: "Connections between Russia and Iraq in all fields, including armaments, have never been disconnected." (*Al-Khbar*, London)

### BELGIUM NEXT

Will Belgium now become Europe's second sufferer - after France - from the terrorist epidemic?

Belgium has cause for concern with 13 members of an Islamic group, including an Algerian extremist leader named Ahmed Elzawi, on trial in Brussels. Elzawi is charged with leading the fundamentalist Armed Islam-

ic Group (GIA) in Europe and establishing a network for buying and smuggling arms. The GIA has threatened Belgium in the past to demand Elzawi's release.

France has passed new intelligence information to Brussels that suggests attacks may soon be carried out in Belgium. French intelligence said a 15-member commando group recently left "an African state" to plan bombing attacks in Europe that would coincide with the Elzawi trial verdict.

The information also included a list of 165 suspicious Islamists who live in Belgium, and France asked that they be put under surveillance since terrorist networks in France operate across the virtually nonexistent border.

Yet it seems that there are limits to intelligence cooperation in the European Union, with operations still dictated by each country's interests and fears.

A typical example was France's refusal to put Elzawi and his terrorist ring on trial before a regular court on charges of weapons possession, failing to consider the international terrorism aspect. Belgium then sought ways to get out of the crisis forced by Elzawi's arrest and even held negotiations with Sudan in the hope of expelling Elzawi to Khartoum.

It seems the proverb "don't stick your head in a sick bed" is also current in Sweden. The Swedes refused to extradite Abed Elkarim Denesh to France and wants to send him to Sudan, or to another African country if Sudan won't publicly accept Islamic fundamentalists. (*El-Watan Al-Arabi*, Paris)

### ROLE MODELERS

While Ali Khamenei, the supreme spiritual authority in Iran, is celebrating his seventh anniversary in office, debate continues on what exactly his role is.

Khamenei's opponents suggest the position of "supreme spiritual authority" should be abolished and merged with the position of president of the republic.

Not surprisingly, it is an idea supported by President Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Professor Abd Alkarim Sarraf from Teheran University who once chaired the Cultural Revolution Council set up by the late Ayatollah Khomeini, claims there is no room for the position of supreme spiritual authority in the present regime. The position was appropriate for Khomeini but should have been discontinued after his death, the professor says.

These opinions have been strongly opposed by the courts president, Mohammed Yazde, and parliament spokesman Ali Akbar Natek Nuri. These two junior clerics say doubts expressed about Khamenei's role are an implicit attack on the whole regime.

Natek Nuri said in a press interview that the current debate is not academic but an attempt to destroy the religious character of the Iranian government and to separate state from religion. (*Ashtar al-Awsar*, London)

## King's new clothes don't impress Arabs

JACK REDDEN  
AMMAN

**L**ESS than a year after ending a half-century of conflict with the Jewish state, Jordan's King Hussein has moved so close to Israel and the US that other Arab states are showing alarm.

Jordan's pride at the prominence in regional politics of a country of only four million people is palpable. It refers to its "pivotal role" and dismisses Arab criticism as jealousy.

"What is being said about us, being a toy in the hands of other nations, is totally untrue," King Hussein insisted recently to a London-based newspaper. "We never compromise on our dignity or our rights."

But the king's need to defend himself reflected a fundamental shift in Jordan's position since the US began trying to shape a new Middle East following the Gulf war. No Arab country would now claim to be closer to Washington.

The change was demonstrated in spectacular fashion by the king's rush to sign a peace treaty last October with Israel.

Jordanians were still struggling with that startling reversal when the king moved as dramatically against his erstwhile ally Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

"In a puzzling speed of developments, a new event shows up

every week to expose the new official trend running toward forming a new identity for Jordan and the Jordanians that has nothing to do with the Arab, Islamic basis on which generations were raised," said Laith Shbeilat, head of the engineers' union and an unyielding opponent of King Hussein's foreign policy.

"The official Jordan harms Jordanian-Iraqi ties to appease the American and Zionist masters," he wrote in a document circulating in Amman.

Such abrupt changes would be difficult anywhere. But in Jordan many remain hostile to Israel and sympathetic to Saddam, or at least to Iraqi economic links.

**ELSEWHERE** MANY leaders are suspicious of King Hussein's repeated denials of personal ambitions in Iraq and his rush to embrace Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin like an old friend.

Syria, its peace talks with Israel deadlocked, has been icy with Amman for the past year, furious that Jordan's unilateral move toward peace with the Jewish state weakened its position.

"The Syrians say they are surrounded by the Americans in Jordan, Israel and Turkey, and now, they fear, in Iraq too," a Lebanese government source said after talks in Damascus.

Egypt is just as sour on Jordan. President Hosni Mubarak belittled the importance of the Iraqi defectors whom King Hussein used to underline his policy shift.

Mubarak, after publicly questioning the king's motives, sent his foreign minister to Amman at the end of August to discuss Iraq. A day later, Egypt's semi-official press attacked Jordan.

"It was noticed that the Egyptians are angered when they are not in the picture about any event in the region," King Hussein said.

King Hussein hopes the shift on Iraq - backed by further support from Washington - will help restore ties to Saudi Arabia and Gulf states still angry at his refusal to support the US-led coalition that liberated Kuwait. He told a newspaper that Saudi Arabia was the only Arab government he informed of the Iraqi defections.

Saudi Arabia welcomed the shift, but wants more.

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## The price of dissent

THE Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA), one of the most effective Jewish organizations in the US, was founded in 1976 to propagate the notion that Israel is not a charity case but a valuable US ally, and to persuade the mostly liberal American Jewish community that a strong, defense-oriented US is important for the survival of all the democracies.

In the almost 20 years of its existence the organization has managed to attract leading Americans not usually associated with Jewish affairs. Among its most effective projects have been tours in which leading statesmen and high-ranking military officers visit Israel and meet its leadership. Supported by both Republicans and Democrats in Washington, the organization has been enthusiastically applauded by leaders of virtually all parties in Israel, including Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

On Monday night JINSA held its annual dinner. Typically, the event was attended by three leading senators (two Democrats and one Republican), 14 congressmen, several cabinet officers, numerous generals and admirals (including Assistant Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Lt.-Gen. Daniel Christian), and more than 20 executives of the major military industries.

In the past, such dinners were always attended by senior officials from the Israeli embassy, particularly by the staff of the military attaché's office. But on Monday no one from the embassy showed up. In what can only be viewed as calculated rudeness, the embassy's military staff had not even bothered to acknowledge the invitations.

The reason for this quasi-boycott is that Israel's government is unhappy with JINSA's stand

on the issue of the Golan. Not that the organization opposes Israel's policies - it does not consider such matters to be its business, and it supports the official US line that bringing peace to the region is in America's interest.

But JINSA has annoyed the government and the embassy by the very fact that it brought up the question of the Golan for discussion. It has ignored the embassy's call to avoid such "premature" colloquies, and expressed skepticism about the utility of stationing US troops on the Golan in the framework of an Israel-Syria pact. What particularly irritated the embassy was a JINSA-sponsored symposium in July, in which four retired Israeli generals exchanged ideas on the Golan with four US counterparts.

All this would not merit much attention had it not been symptomatic of an attitude which recalls Lenin's saying, "If you are not for us, you are against us." To compare Israel to a police state is wrong, unfair and offensive, but the government's intolerance of dissent borders on the unacceptable for a democratic society.

This intolerance is manifested in the almost hysterical response by the authorities - from the prime minister to the riot police - to every small or large group of demonstrators, in the glee with which the government, police and media pounce on opportunities to pin heinous crimes or nefarious plans on "settlers" or "right-wing fanatics," and in the searches, arrests and baseless criminal prosecutions with which the security forces hound and harass protest leaders. In the US it takes the form of ostracism of both Jews and gentiles who refuse to join the government's amen corner.

For a government which invokes democracy and national unity at every opportunity, this is a very strange way to behave.

## Divided capital

WHEN the United Nations Security Council voted in 1960, Greece year peacekeeping operation in Cyprus, the UN's record in Cyprus is a subject failure and the problem of this divided East Mediterranean island is a smoldering volcano waiting for its day to erupt again.

The UN House of Representatives on Monday approved a long-overdue resolution describing Turkish military occupation of northern Cyprus as unacceptable and demanding complete demilitarization of the divided country. The resolution called on the United States and the United Nations to encourage resolution of the Cyprus dispute either through incentives for negotiations or sanctions. The motion is non-binding but it at least serves to lift the corner of the diplomatic rug under which Cyprus has been swept for far too long.

While the unity of Jerusalem as Israel's capital gets a good share of international debate, the scandal of the totally divided ancient city of Nicosia goes mostly unremarked. The suspicion is that many of the principals in the Cyprus affair continue to turn a blind eye because their past record on it is so appalling they would rather forget it.

Turkey has always refused to accept that Cyprus, a patently Greek island through and through, was just one more victim of Ottoman greed in this region. When the Ottomans vanished, Turkish claims to Cyprus should have vanished with them. The British Empire acquired, ruled and finally quit Cyprus with characteristic deviousness. When Greek Cypriots objected to their rule in the 1950s, the British created ethnic division by fanning hitherto non-

recruiting Turkish forces to fight out Greek Cypriot officials often. In 1960, Greece won in 1960, Greece year peacekeeping operation in Cyprus, the UN's record in Cyprus is a subject failure and the problem of this divided East Mediterranean island is a smoldering volcano waiting for its day to erupt again.

It is to the credit of the Greek Cypriots, and eventually to their detriment, that instead of leaving their refugees - half the population - to fester in camps, they launched a miraculous crash recovery program that put all of them to work and eventually made the island one of Europe's most prosperous states in terms of per capita income.

Because of this economic success - not shared by the Turkish-occupied north - Cyprus has received no more than lip service from the world community. It remains a divided country with a divided capital, and Greek Cypriots have received not a cent in compensation for the lands they lost.

This is a problem that has not gone away. It will one day come back to haunt all those who created it and failed to solve it.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SHABBAT IN HEBRON

Sir - Our group of 32 families from Ra'anana had the honor of spending the Shabbat of August 25-26 in Hebron. While walking near Beit Hadassah, I was the sorry witness to the humiliating sight of one of our soldiers being spat in the face by a passing Arab. While the Arab was taken away for questioning, so was the soldier. Contrary to recent reports out of Hebron bemoaning the Jewish residents' disrespectful and hostile behavior towards our soldiers, I witnessed some Jewish women of Hebron (the very ones that are portrayed as wild-eyed settlers) offering the soldiers much-needed and welcome drinks and ice pops on that very hot day.

All the recent and negative publicity surrounding the Jewish residents of Hebron has made me wonder if this isn't just a prelude to according to Arafat's request of making this ancient Jewish city Judenrein. I suggest that the people of the press go back to Hebron and this time take an objective look at the real relationship between the Jews and our soldiers instead of playing into the hands of those who urge the evacuation of Jews from one of our oldest cities.

ILAN HIRSHFELD  
Ra'anana.

### PROSE TO THE BARD

Sir - Mitchell G. Bard ("Rise of Jewish cannibals," September 4) places the blame for Israel's slide towards anarchy directly on the right-wing opponents of the Rabin government. He accuses the "zealots" of contempt for the democratic process.

I would like to inform Mr. Bard of the results of a recent poll which appeared in The Jerusalem Post on September 1. Seventy-three percent of Israelis felt that there should be a national referendum on the Oslo II accords before they are signed. Some 53 percent felt that not holding a referendum would harm democracy in this country. However, not only is Mr. Rabin not bringing these agreements to the people, he will not even bring them to debate in the Knesset until after the signing ceremony.

Calling Yitzhak Rabin a traitor will not cause the downfall of Israeli democracy. Riding roughshod over the will of the people by using a razor-thin parliamentary blocking majority to make fateful decisions sets a dangerous precedent which weakens the democratic process and only invites further abuses by this or any future government. This should deeply concern the left wing as well as the right.

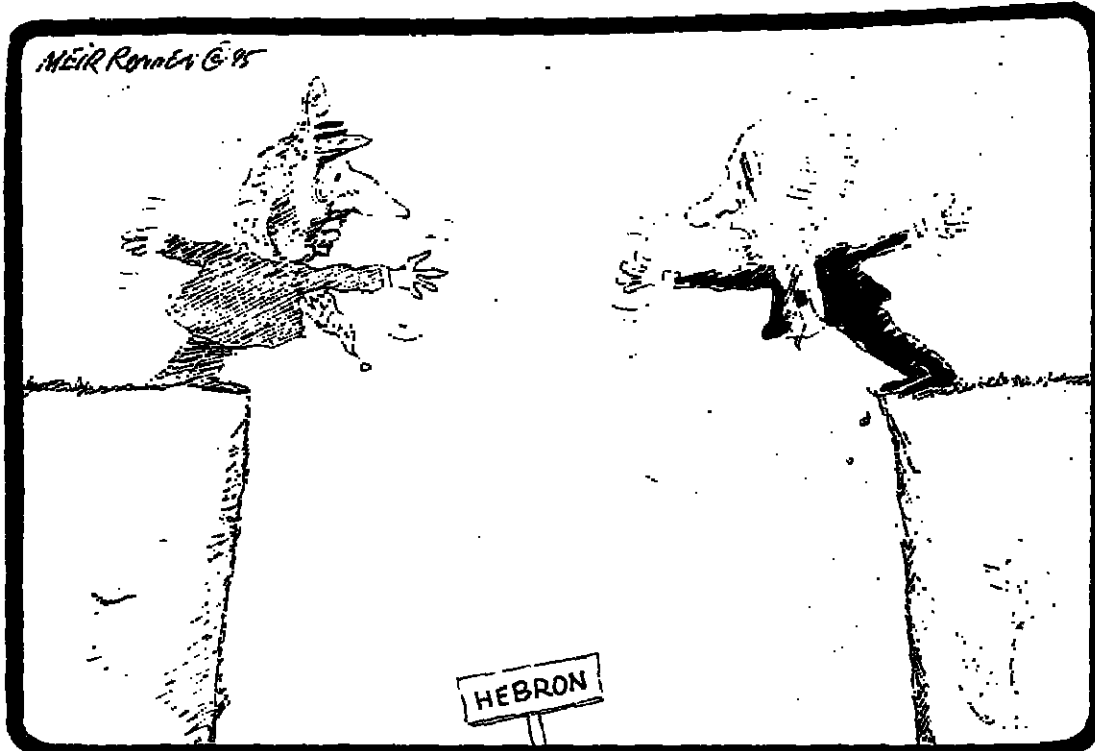
### CARTOONS

Sir - I believe it is taken for granted that a newspaper's editorial cartoons, unlike opinion columns, should express the paper's editorial policy. If this is so, does Meir Ronnen's boorish cartoon of Arik Sharon on operating a machine gun (September 1) reflect your views of Mr. Sharon?

In my opinion, Mr. Sharon as a Knesset member has for years presented his admittedly forceful views in an intelligent, civilized, rational manner that provide no justification for Ronnen's archaic Labor Party-style caricature. This is not the first time that Ronnen's cartoons have veered substantively to the left of the Post's editorial positions.

MORRIS GOLDMAN  
Tel Aviv.  
In our columns, cartoonists are free to express their opinions and reactions. - Ed. J.P.

## OPINION



## Arafat took the ladder

MOSHE ZAK

IN the old Hungarian joke about two men painting a ceiling, one tells the other: "Grab hold of the chandelier. I'm taking the ladder."

Following the progress of the Taba talks this week, it was impossible to avoid the impression that this joke had crossed the line into reality. While Shimon Peres was busy painting the ceiling of a new interim agreement with the PLO, Arafat had removed the ladder, leaving our foreign minister clinging to the Hebron glass chandelier, trying to stop himself crashing down in full view of the world's TV cameras.

Peres and Arafat are sure the agreement will be signed. But September 21 didn't suit President Clinton, and so he left more time for mutual maneuvering, for the two partners to persuade their constituencies that they are intrepidly fighting for their demands.

Peres knows that Arafat has no alternative but to sign the agreement soon, since the US financial grant to the Palestinian Authority hangs in the balance, and has many opponents in Congress. Arafat, for his part, is sure that Peres's political future depends on the success of this agreement and that he will do anything to secure a rapid signing.

The lengthy sessions in Taba have actually been more exhausting for the Israeli public than for the participants themselves. Israelis, bombarded daily by reports on packages of detailed proposals aimed at ending the crisis that plagues the talks, are fast losing interest in what lies behind all the creative camouflage.

An example is economic compensation for the Palestinians by Israel, in the form of more workers from Hebron coming to work here. In the flood of proposals regarding how many inspectors and Palestinian police personnel there are to be, the essential question has been obscured: Where it is all leading?

We can't see the wood for the trees; and the Israelis in Taba can't see the agreement as a whole for all the clauses.

It is truly difficult for them to grasp the political implications of all the patches that got sewn onto the garment in the course of the Eilat and Taba talks - which is why they didn't take much notice when Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe stated that he rejects any settlement that doesn't immediately guarantee Hebron's status as a city under the jurisdiction of the "Palestinian National Authority." No one remembers the Oslo agreement guaranteeing any such thing.

The agreement mentions IDF redeployment, not withdrawal. And a sub-clause states that in the redeployment, the IDF will be guided by the need to move away from municipal concentrations.

Those who formulated the agreement knew the difference between withdrawal and redeployment. And there was no guarantee of security jurisdiction by the "Palestinian National Authority."

THE TABA negotiations are allowing the Palestinians to throw dust in the eyes of world opinion and the Israeli public, with Israeli commitments that never existed.

The dispute that broke out this week between Justice Minister David Liba'i and Yoel Zinger, legal advisor to the foreign ministry, over who had been responsible for wording the clause on extradition

procedures in the earlier agreement, proves they both knew the wording was faulty.

But they didn't sign the agreement on Israel's behalf. Those who did were unaware of the serious defects in the clause - and in other clauses which have yet to stand the test of experience.

The discussions in Taba and Eilat this week were over semantics - which will allow for the camouflage of more badly formulated clauses in the new agreement.

In order to avoid paternity disputes when those fiascos come to light, Israelis need to be told now who agreed to the establishment of a legislative PA council, in addition to the administrative council. Whoever casually allowed this change of direction must have thought Israelis could be persuaded that it wasn't significant.

But previous Israeli governments (and this one, too, until recently) thought otherwise. They opposed the establishment of a separate legislative council because such a council, which wouldn't necessarily be exclusively made up of Arafat's supporters, could well exploit its legislative prerogatives to do away with its link to Israel, even before negotiations on the permanent settlement get under way.

Amid the torrent of gestures to Arafat in the cause of a speedy conclusion to the agreement with him, the legislative council was thrown in as a sweetener. The Taba negotiators hid this dangerous concession among the other gestures, while the bright lights were focused on Hebron.

And Peres carries on painting the ceiling of the interim agreement with all the creative inspiration at his command. Meanwhile, Arafat has made off with the ladder leading to negotiations on the permanent settlement.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.

## Of ducks and democracy

AMOS CARMEL

'DON'T frighten the ducks!' was the late Yisrael Galili's response to threats he didn't take too seriously.

The ducks of today must be quaking in their ponds. The recent threats by the Hebron municipality and the PLO leadership in the territories to boycott the elections to the Palestinian Authority council must have made all their feathers stand on end.

The threats are linked to the problem of IDF withdrawal from Hebron, and are based on an idea that has almost come to be taken for granted: that an armed Israeli presence will prevent the population of the territories from choosing their own leadership by democratic standards. But a quick look at precedents is enough to demolish this concept completely.

After World War II, elections were held in Germany and Japan while they were still occupied by foreign armies. No serious authority questioned the democratic legitimacy of the elections.

The Jewish community in Mandatory Palestine held numerous election campaigns, some more stormy than others. The presence of the British Army was never thought to have twisted the results.

The tens of thousands of Arab residents of East Jerusalem will in any case, under any conceivable settlement, be participating in the elections to the PA council without the slightest modification to total Israeli sovereignty over their locality.

If they can stand up to this without concern for the freedom of their votes, what is the connection

between the IDF presence in Hebron and the free voting of its inhabitants?

Underlying the issue is the local context of democratic concepts.

None of our Arab neighbors have elections that could be called free by Western standards.

And in all sorts of elections held by the Palestinians during the last few years there has been significant involvement by masked bully-

boys, whose idea of campaigning wasn't exactly sitting down with the voters over a cup of coffee.

Not to mention the fact that none of the Palestinian champions of democracy would dream of standing for the chairmanship of the PA against Yasser Arafat. Or the exemplarily democratic activities of Jibril Rajoub and his merry men. Or the frequent snap trials in Gaza and Jericho.

So why is the presence of Israeli soldiers considered the only hurdle in the path of freely democratic action by the Palestinian voters in the ballot booths?

APART FROM all this, who really ought to be disturbed by a boycott of the elections? Elementary logic says that the planned elections to the PA council are first

and foremost the concern of the Palestinian electorate. If they do not choose their own leaders, by whatever means, it will be no one's problem but their own. Their vote won't be registered, and will have no influence on the composition of the PA's institutions.

The people who are now speaking in their name and running their lives aren't about to slam the door in a huff, or give up their seats in a sulk. Arafat isn't going to find his own Sde Boker to retire in, and he isn't going to hand over power to anyone from Hamas. Experienced and power-hungry politicians like him won't give up their positions of power just because elections don't come off.

In a word, as far as the Israeli government is concerned, no vacuum will be created, and there won't be any shortage of partners for any process.

Let us for a moment imagine the Israeli government announcing that it will shelve the construction of one of the bypass roads if Arafat does not publicly apologize for his taped speeches. Wouldn't the Palestinians shrug their shoulders and reply, "Don't build the road. We don't need any favors."

Would making the advancement of Israeli interests conditional on a Palestinian action bother them at all?

Nonetheless, the repeated Palestinian threat to boycott the Palestinian elections seems to get our leaders very agitated. Why?

The question casts doubt on their professional abilities.

The writer comments on current affairs.

I've got the Anglo Saxon blues

YISRAEL GADIEL

DURING the past few months we have witnessed a great deal of pain and hurt as we have moved along in the peace process.

We can disagree over whether there has been any progress or positive developments, and over whether or not we have strengthened the security of the state and its position in the Middle East.

Whatever our opinions, we can enter into a dialogue and agree or disagree with each other. This freedom of speech is part of our citizenship in a democratic country.

However, recent comments by Prime Minister Rabin, and by news reporters on Channel 1's *Mabat* program, have taught me that there are different classes of citizen in our state.

All of a sudden, I'm not just an Israeli; I'm an "Anglo-Saxon." And I'm causing trouble.

I myself may be a contradiction in terms: I voted Meretz, and I live in Gush Etzion.

But right now I find it particularly disturbing to find myself identified by the place I left to come to Israel, rather than by the political views I hold as an Israeli citizen.

During the summer the prime minister vilified the settlers, whom he identifies as a group of radical Americans. Then, at last week's demonstration in Jerusalem's France Square, the news-caster kept repeating that the demonstrators were mostly "Anglo-Saxons," and that English was the predominant language heard.

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ken's France Square, the news-caster kept repeating that the demonstrators were mostly "Anglo-Saxons," and that English was the predominant language heard.

When do we become Israeli? At what point are immigrants recognized as equals? When are our individual opinions respected like those of anyone else in society?

When do we stop being identified by the countries from which we emigrated? Obviously, these are rhetorical questions. None of us can answer them, but they point out how Israeli society has yet to (and may never) move beyond being a collection of Jews from different countries.

There will be no national identity as long as we are defined by the countries of our birth, or our native languages.

This trend was exacerbated by Gad Ben-Ari, the Jewish Agency representative in New York, who reportedly made comments on "radical" Americans who want to come here. Whether or not he actually said they should be barred from making aliya, the perception of "radical American Jews" has created a new stereotype.

Suddenly, we are different from other Jews who want to live here, and I wonder if it is because our understanding of the democratic process and the importance we assign to free speech is not totally understood in the young State of Israel.

Each and every citizen has a right to speak out and agree or disagree with the government. The focus of the debate should be opinions, and not the mother tongue of the demonstrators.

I do not identify with the demonstrators' cause. But I find being stereotyped distasteful.

Constant harping on a person's language or country of origin would seem to be a reflection of the inability to accept expressions of differences of opinion, a way to "discredit the opposition."

Perhaps one day we will become a true democracy, able to evaluate political positions based on their merits, and not on the origins of their proponents.

The writer is a social worker living in Efrat.

הקדמת הרצל



# A Lion who wrestled with history

The Lion Feuchtwanger library marks the career of this legendary writer, Tom Tugend reports from Los Angeles

THIRTY-SEVEN years after the author's death, the Lion Feuchtwanger Memorial Library officially opened at the University of Southern California last week. The library holds the works and the rare book collection of the man judged the most important writer of historical novels in the 20th century.

Feuchtwanger was born in Munich in 1884 to an Orthodox Jewish family. The sweep of his historical view, expressed in 19 novels and 19 plays, remains unparalleled.

In his Josephus trilogy, he explored the world of ancient Rome and Jerusalem through the works of Josephus Flavius, the Jewish historian of the first century CE. In other books, Feuchtwanger wrote with equal authority about Benjamin Franklin and the American Revolution, French philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau and the French Revolution, Spanish painter Francisco Goya and his time, and the Salem witch hunt.

From a rare perspective, he persistently wrestled with the Jewish experience in different eras and settings.

"Lion told me that when you write about the past, you mean the present and you point to the future," says Dr. Harold von Hofe, an old friend of Feuchtwanger and his wife Marta, and now the director of the USC Feuchtwanger Institute



When you write about the past, you mean the present and you point to the future, according to Lion Feuchtwanger.

for Exile Studies.

"For instance, in his famous novel *Jew Süss* [later mutilated by the Nazis into a vicious antisemitic film], he writes about an 18th-century German court Jew, but he means the struggle of the Jewish people in the Western world," von Hofe adds. "The *Jewess of Toledo* is set in medieval Spain, but speaks to the relationships among Christians, Muslims and Jews."

It was fitting that the commemoration of Feuchtwanger's life was held in a library. He backed his historical research with vast boards of source material and invaluable first editions on the different eras and figures touched in his works.

His previous private libraries were lost in the '30s and '40s. The

first was lost when he left Hitler's Germany, where his early and prescient fusillades against fascism (labeled as "premature" during the McCarthy era) earned him an early spot on the Nazi hit list.

Feuchtwanger sought refuge in southern France, built up a second enormous library, and lost it when Vichy France threw him into a concentration camp.

After he moved to Los Angeles in 1941, Feuchtwanger started all over again and created the present magnificent collection. That one, too, was nearly lost when the Bel Air inferno of 1961 threatened his home, the Villa Aurora in Pacific Palisades.

His wife, refusing the orders of fire marshals to leave the endangered area, stayed behind to

guard the library.

The newly opened memorial library houses a complete set of Feuchtwanger's works, in numerous editions and translations, and 8,000 of the rarest books from his own collection, including 18 incunabula (books printed before 1500) as well as archival material.

But another 22,000 books remain on "permanent location" at the 14-room Villa Aurora, overlooking the Santa Monica Bay, which has been purchased by a group of German admirers of Feuchtwanger. It now houses the California Institute for European-American Relations, and this month will welcome the first two scholars from Germany for research on the author's works.

Feuchtwanger's novels and plays were immensely popular

from the '20s through the '50s, particularly in the US and Soviet Union. His books were selections of the Book-of-the-Month and Literary clubs in the US, selling some 2-3 million hard-cover copies, von Hofe estimates.

But these figures were dwarfed by the some 10-11 million copies sold in the former Soviet Union, and after the Nazi collapse. Feuchtwanger's writing enjoyed a new vogue in Germany. One German publisher is now printing a new edition of his works and von Hofe is well on his way in editing Feuchtwanger's correspondence (in five volumes, so far) and diaries.

In the Los Angeles of the '40s and '50s, Lion and Marta Feuchtwanger were at the center of a glittering exile community that included the greatest names of German literature, music, theater and architecture. Thanks to his already established name and continuing royalties, Feuchtwanger was able to aid many of his compatriots.

His friendship with "fellow travelers" Heinrich Mann and Bertolt Brecht, as well as his own leftist leanings, earned Feuchtwanger some unwanted notoriety in the heydays of senator Joseph McCarthy and the House Un-American Activities Committee. Von Hofe was able to obtain the voluminous FBI files on Feuchtwanger, in which one source labels the writer as a "Kremlin crawler."

Marta Feuchtwanger survived her husband by 29 years and is remembered as a dramatic presence on the Los Angeles scene, her petite and erect figure always sheathed in black from neck to feet.

Weschler, who interviewed Marta in 53 sessions for an oral history project in the '70s, recalled that the then 84-year-old woman walked every morning at 6 from her steep hillside home to take a dip in the frigid Pacific Ocean.

Before her death in 1987, she bequeathed the library and her estate, which von Hofe estimates has a current value of about \$13 million, to USC.



## Debutante training for the 6-year-old

PARENTING

RUTH MASON

HOW can I help my almost six-year-old daughter be more socially acceptable to her peers? The children in her nursery school don't want to play with her at school, visit her at home or invite her to their homes, despite my encouragement and my relationships with their mothers. The teacher has spoken generally to the kids about social acceptance, and I have discussed the problem with my daughter. I'm fearful of her status in first grade and wish I could help her in some way.

Alan Flashman MD, pediatrician and child psychiatrist, replies:

Parents of small children live both inside and outside the emotional lives of their children. No aspect of parenting delineates these two areas with greater clarity than "making friends."

edge even the most minute change in the desired direction and don't comment on what hasn't changed. You can't make friends for your daughter. You can let her know that you are sure that she will find her own way to make friends and that you will keep searching for opportunities for her to try.

You also can talk with her about her fears and worries, share some of the worries you once had, and make up strategies to overcome fears and worries. (Some ideas: make up a funny name for the fear and, when it comes, say something like, "Babe Ruth is here" and find a place to put it away. Or, make up a little jingle that reminds her of mom, or that mom is with her.)

You can check with your spouse to see if this is an area of conflict - either overt or covert - between the two of you. If so, you may want to come up with a strategy: work out which you're most comfortable. You also can talk with your own parents about how you and your siblings functioned in this area as children and how it was handled.

And, you can do one more thing: you can decide how big the problem is. The more you make it small, the smaller it becomes. The more steadily and gradually you set your course in a way that suits your personality, the more naturally you enlist other parents for joint invitations, the more you are alert to the first little signs of movement, the more the problem will fit its proper size: the size of six hands - your daughter's and her parents'.

If you have a question about parenting, write to: Parenting, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

## Elite school gives future UK king a break from his parents

IN his black tailcoat, white tie and stiff collar, he seems indistinguishable from the other bewildered new boys starting the fall semester at Eton College.

But why does this 13-year-old have a bodyguard?

Prince William, elder son of Prince Charles and Princess Diana, recently became the first future British monarch to attend the illustrious school which, for 555 years, has been educating Britain's political and military elite.

William, whose shy smile often appears in the British press, is second in line, after his father, to the throne of his grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II.

His parents hope Eton will endow their tall, gangly blond son with a first-class education - and the maturity and confidence he needs for a life of royal duty.

As a boarder, "Wills" is now removed from the turbulence of his estranged parents' relationship. They separated in December 1992.

"The 13-year-old from the most celebrated broken home in the Western world will find, in Manor House at Eton, a realm of order out of the shifting sands of familial discord with celebrity parents competing for his attention," reflected London's *Sunday Times*.

Buckingham Palace, the school

and a media watchdog have appealed to Britain's ravenous newspapers to leave William alone while he is at Eton.

But the mass-selling tabloids are unlikely to comply.

Since Buckingham Palace announced his birth on June 21, 1982, the news media have chronicled everything from his toddler habit of tossing shoes into toilets, to later playground altercations.

The tabloid *News of the World* promised to behave responsibly but said, "Our readers share the country's fascination in the development of a young man who will one day be our king."

In a speech to news executives last month, Lord Wakeham, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, said William must be allowed to "run, walk, study and play at Eton, free from the fear of prying cameras."

He "must be allowed to make mistakes and learn the way we all did - without our reading consistently of his successes and failures in the columns of our newspapers," Wakeham said.

Eton says William must be "allowed to be himself and to lead his own life."

William is likely to be highly visible. The school buildings are strung along the main street of Eton, on the River Thames. Manor House, where William will live, is in the center of town.



Prince William at five: The future king has now enrolled at illustrious Eton. (Universal Pictorial Press)

Eton is familiar territory for the family. Diana's father and brother were at Eton and William's schoolmates will include minor royals and several friends from his elementary school.

TRADITIONALLY, future

British monarchs have been taught at home by private tutors. But Prince Charles was educated at Gordonstoun school in Scotland and then went on to Cambridge University, becoming the first member of his family to go to a university.

Charles must hope that his son will not be bullied, as he himself was at Gordonstoun.

"It's absolute hell," the young Charles wrote home from the school where his father, Prince Philip, had also gone. "I dread going to bed as I get hit all night long."

Most boys, it seems, so feared being branded as sycophants to the royal heir that they reacted by showing him hostility.

"How can you treat a boy as an ordinary chap if his mother's portrait is on the coins you spend in the school shop and a detective trails him wherever he goes?" one contemporary asked rhetorically.

However, former pupils say Eton can be cruel too and anyone different, a prince or a pauper, is likely to be picked on.

Luckily for the prince, Eton has abolished "fagging" - a system whereby new boys were made virtual slaves of their elders

- having to clean their shoes, even warm toilet seats for when temporary checkpoints are

Since King Henry VI founded Eton in 1440, Eton has educated the sons of the rich and powerful, although today's scholars are as likely to be the sons of store owners. Tuition costs £12,888 (NIS 60,000) a year, but there is feverish competition for the 1,270 places.

Eton has a reputation for inculcating mental superiority, grace and social status. But critics say it encourages elitism.

According to the Earl of Longford, who left Eton in 1924, "The danger is that you feel that it is the best school, and you go forward in life with the feeling that you are superior."

Longford, a staunch socialist who was in the Labor cabinet of prime minister Clement Attlee - voted into power in 1945, said such private schools perpetuate Britain's class system.

Among famous old Etonians are several prime ministers, including William Pitt, the Duke of Wellington, W.E. Gladstone, and Harold Macmillan.

Other famous alumni include writers Orwell, Shelley and Huxley.

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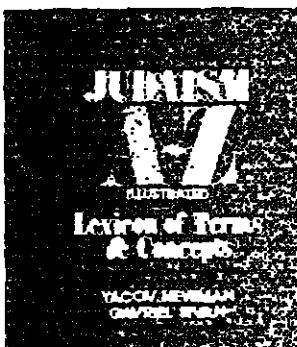
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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1995

## Bill drafted to protect gov't in voucher program

ANTICIPATING the possibility that the government's plan to distribute free vouchers to the public for the purchase of state-owned firms and banks may depress stock prices, the Treasury has drafted legislation to protect the government from litigation.

The draft bill, which was publicized yesterday, was distributed earlier in the week to the legal establishment for comments.

The plan is aimed at jump-starting the government's privatization program by offering about NIS 6 billion in state-owned companies to the public.

Those listed in the voters registry - about 3.82 million people - will be entitled to receive free vouchers worth between NIS 400-NIS 600 for the purchase of a share package worth about NIS 2,000. Based on the address recorded in the registry, people will be notified by the Bank of Israel, which will deposit

JOSE ROSENFELD

the voucher in a bank chosen by the individual.

Three to four months after the vouchers are distributed, the stock market will open trading. Six months after distribution, it will be possible to convert the vouchers into shares at a price reflecting a 20 percent to 30 percent discount on the shares' market price.

According to the Brodet panel which recommended the plan, the first privatization candidates will be firms that have already issued a prospectus and have undertaken the required structural and regulatory reforms.

The panel recommended to sell initially shares in a group of companies that could include Israel Chemicals, Bezeq, El Al, Zim, Israel Electric Corporation, Bank Hapoalim, Bank Leumi, Bank Discount, and Bank Mizrahi.

Once the vouchers are traded for shares, people will have between one to two years to buy them, after which they will expire.

Should an individual die during the program, his spouse will be entitled to the voucher, and in the absence of a spouse, his children will receive the voucher.

The cost of administering the program is estimated at NIS 8.3m. The Treasury expects to incur additional advertising and public information expenses for explaining the program and educating the public about the companies whose shares are being offered.

The program is estimated to save about NIS 240m. in underwriting costs which would be required for a regular issue of such magnitude.

Treasury officials estimate that it will take about six months for the program to begin.

## NIS 4b. redemptions of savings plans to be re-invested

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE banking sector expects the majority of some NIS 4 billion of savings plans that expire today to be re-invested into new savings plans and to be used to repay bank loans.

Nearly all commercial banks have announced new savings plans during the last few weeks, due to the impending withdrawal of money deposited in saving schemes with the Accountant General in 1989. The money was deposited in five-year programs linked to either the Consumer Price Index or the dollar - which ever achieved the highest yield.

Banking sources expect more than half the money to be used to repay bank loans which were used to finance saving schemes and other loans. A spokesman for one of the large commercial banks said about 70% of the money in the saving plans will be used to repay loans.

"People are living very comfortably today, partly because of money borrowed from the banks to improve their standard of living. Many of the savers have overdrafts to pay off," one banker said.

The banks forecast the remaining money will be recycled into new saving plans and shekel deposits.

"The savings schemes expiration means much money will be transferred into customers' credit accounts," a banker said. "All of the banks have made great efforts to establish new savings plans to attract customers' savings as

soon as possible."

The banks are offering two-year, index-linked savings plans at an annual rate of about 4.75%.

A banking source said customers interested in maintaining their savings plans in a program have two alternatives: One is to deposit immediately the money in a new plan, thereby benefiting from the relatively high interest rates offered by the banks. This choice does not provide linkage from today until the end of the month. The second option is to deposit savings in a shekel deposit until the end of the month and then join a new savings scheme in October.

According to the banks, only a small percentage of the NIS 4b. will be invested in the capital market, securities, and mutual funds.

"The majority of people who invested in the saving schemes are conservative investors, who are interested in saving for their kids," a banking source said. "They are not the kind of customers that like to play with their money, especially when most of the public has not yet regained its confidence in the stock market."

Bankers also doubt money will be deposited into provident funds.

"The provident funds offer very different liquidity conditions to the savings programs, since they are for 15 years," a banker said. "Since 1995, a large percentage of the public has withdrawn money out of the provident funds and invested in savings plans."

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

Alon opened six public fuel stations yesterday at the Mishmar Hasharon, Kiryat Ata, Safed, Alumit, Gesher Hazziv, and Haon Junctions.

Each station includes retail space, which has been rented out by restaurants, factory outlet stores, and offices. In addition, all stations house a Super-Alonit mini-market, a joint venture between Alon and SuperSol.

Total investment in the project was \$10 million, of which \$6m. was invested in the stations themselves.

Alon operates over 100 fuel stations in moshavim, kibbutzim, and factories.

Rachel Neiman

Nesher Cement Enterprises yesterday inaugurated a new production line at its Ramle facility after a \$185m. investment. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish attended the ceremony.

The new "dry" production line grinds and dries raw materials before firing without using water. Traditional "wet" production grinds equal parts of chalk and clay together with 40 percent water to create clinker, a half-finished product. Clinker is then ground with plaster and coal dust to create the finished cement product.

The new line uses one-tenth the amount of water required by the wet method and is expected to yield annually 10,000 tons of clinker per worker compared with 5,000 tons via the old method. 1994 production volume was 5.1m. tons.

Rachel Neiman

Bezeq and Kipat Holim Clalit yesterday agreed on a joint project to issue "smart cards" that will serve as health fund membership cards as well as a means of payment.

Bezeq director-general Yitzhak Kaul and Clalit director-general Avigdor Kaplan said they would produce 3m. smart cards - plastic cards with a magnetic strip that can be "loaded" with money and used for the payment of goods and services. A few months ago, Bezeq started its first smart card experiment at Bar-Ilan University's campus.

Judy Siegel

Israel Land Development Insurance has been awarded the insurance contract on the coastal road's Megadim Bridge. The policy covers construction of the NIS 15m. overpass, which includes two train tracks.

Rachel Neiman

Outstanding exporters awarded: Orisot Original Solutions, a manufacturer of automated shoe manufacturing equipment, the educational software firm Edushape, the computer firm BOS, and Imperial Plastics Industries, a manufacturer of housewares and DIY products, received outstanding exporter awards at yesterday's Export Day activities.

Rachel Neiman

OmniTech-Ellint will provide support services to over 400 computers equipped with Telrad switchboard systems.

Rachel Neiman

## 4th Dimension, Dazel sign pact

RACHEL NEIMAN

4TH Dimension Software and US-based Dazel Corporation announced yesterday the signing of an OEM agreement in which 4D will sell Dazel's leading client/server management system under the local firm's name.

According to the pact, the firms will co-develop a seamlessly integrated product, Control-D/ Delivery, which will include Dazel technology. The product will fully integrate with 4D's Control-D and other products.

4th Dimension will immediately begin reselling Dazel products to Control-D users who want UNIX delivery capabilities in addition to those for mainframes and PCs.

Control products are multi-platform system management tools. "As the demand to move business-critical applications to client/server platforms increases, output management solutions

must evolve to meet this need," 4D acting CEO Roni Einav said.

"In order to shorten the delivery time, we decided not to develop such a solution on our own," Dazel was chosen "after an extensive evaluation of available solutions," he said.

"This agreement enables Dazel to penetrate previously untapped global markets via 4th Dimension's international presence," Dazel president Robert Fabbio said.

## Frenkel: Excess demand needs to be reduced

RACHEL NEIMAN

INFLATION and the rising deficit are both reflections of the same problem - that of excess demand - Bank of Israel Governor Ya'acov Frenkel said yesterday at the Israel Export Institute's annual gathering.

The governor called for a long-range strategy to reduce excess demand, beginning with the national government budget.

"Inflation is not the Bank of Israel's private problem and is not [merely] an annoyance to economic growth but it can become a real impediment," he said.

Frenkel pointed out that high inflation goes hand in hand with slow economic growth.

Inflation moderated during the first half of the year, but Frenkel predicted it will rise in the second half of the year.

"The government can contribute by reducing costs," he said.

Frenkel also called for reducing the national budget. "Reducing interest rates will encourage consumption," he said.

He added that he wanted to see the abolishment of supervisory measures on foreign currency that started in the 1980s.

Later in the day, chairman of the Manufacturers Association Foreign Trade Division Dr. Ehud Geller accused the government and the Bank of Israel of "endan-



President Weizman speaks at the Israel Export Institute's annual gathering yesterday. (Haden)

gering the achievement of recent years which could bring about an economic crisis in 1996-1997."

Geller called on the government to establish a long-range \$500 million loan fund to encourage exports and to double the

current Export Encouragement Fund to \$100m.

He said the combination of reduced interest rates with deep budget cuts and a change in the exchange rate, "together with a change in [the government and the

Bank of Israel's] priorities," could prevent a wave of excess civilian imports and balance of payments.

"The government must implement the Horowitz Committee Report and encourage exports by giving loan guarantees," he added.

## Business, not politics to top area summit

DUBAI (Reuters) - Business rather than politics will top the agenda at the Middle East/North Africa Economic Summit in Jordan next month, World Economic Forum executive board member Frederic Sicre said yesterday.

"We want a very business-driven agenda in Amman," Sicre said, adding that the Geneva-based organization would do its best to avoid a repeat of last November's politics-dominated summit in Casablanca.

That meeting brought together for the first time Arab and Israeli political and business leaders.

"We are not trying to force the peace process... economic bridges can be built faster than political ones," he told a meeting of the American Business Council in Dubai.

Asked to give the likely theme of the summit, he said: "Turning reconciliation into reconstruction."

Sicre said Iran and Iraq would not take part in the meeting, co-sponsored by US President Bill Clinton.

He said business and governments would present to the summit details of a number of multi-million-dollar infrastructure projects planned in the region.

"So far the projects we know that will be presented are the Jordan Rift Valley development plan, the Aqaba airport servicing Jordan and Israel, and the development plan for West Gaza."

"My job in the United Arab Emirates is to encourage the GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) to do the same."

The GCC comprises Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Oman, and Qatar.

He said a common misconception was that the summit would act to "legitimize the establishment of a (\$5 billion) Middle East Development Bank. This is not even on the agenda. We are not pushing this subject forward."

The US was in favor of such a bank, while the European Union was against it, he said.

Other issues likely to be discussed at the summit, which is expected to be attended by around 1,000 business and political leaders, were the creation of a regional business council and a regional tourism council.

Sicre said he hoped the forum's next meeting in 1996 would be held in the Gulf.

## Court to government: Explain unwillingness to issue special bonds to fringe benefit funds

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE government will have to explain why it is not willing to issue special non-tradeable bonds to fringe benefit funds following a temporary injunction issued by the High Court of Justice yesterday.

The injunction was granted at the request of seven fund members following the government's agreement to subsidize bonds for pension funds. The petitioners have asked the court to instruct the government to approve similar bonds for fringe benefit funds.

Following a hearing, Supreme Court President Aharon Barak instructed the government to respond within 45 days.

The petitioners said the government's decision to stop issuing fringe benefit funds with special

bonds - which carry a set interest rate and are not traded on the exchange - has forced the funds to invest in securities which are traded on the exchange. According to the petitioners, the funds have no alternative but to invest in high-risk speculative investments.

In response, the government said it's not forcing the funds to make speculative investments - they can invest in more conservative areas like government bonds.

The Association of Life Insurance Companies filed a similar appeal with the High Court of Justice last week. The insurance companies claim the government's pension reforms discriminate against life insurance plans.

## Court upholds Maccabi Beer ad ban

HELEN KAYE

TEMPO will not be able to run a controversial advertisement for Maccabi Beer on Channel 2, the Supreme Court ruled yesterday.

In a precedent-setting decision, the three-judge panel rejected an appeal by Tempo Beer Industries against the Second Television and Radio Authority which had banned a Maccabi ad which offered prizes as an inducement to buy the beer.

The advertisement "encourages increased and exaggerated consumption of alcohol...which is liable to harm public health and road safety," said Second Authority legal counsel Yuval Karniel.

Judge Eliahu Mazza emphasized that even though the ban might have infringed on the appellant's freedom of expression, it was imposed "for a proper purpose and in proper measure."

## Johnson & Johnson to invest in Medinol

RACHEL NEIMAN

JOHNSON & Johnson is negotiating for a stake in the start-up company Medinol.

The US-based firm's proposed \$360 million investment could be the largest foreign investment ever made in a local company.

The agreement is set to be finalized on October 12.

Johnson & Johnson is interested in acquiring exclusive manufacturing and distribution rights for a

unique spring used to hold heart arteries open, thereby eliminating the need for heart bypass surgery. Johnson & Johnson is reportedly developing a similar product.

Medinol's patent is held by Gregory Pinhasik, an immigrant scientist from the former Soviet Union.

Medinol is owned by Dr. Kobi Richter, head of Marathon Capital Investments, who holds 35 percent outstanding capital share.

## Ministry: Examine Kinneret pollution

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Ministry of Agriculture yesterday instructed the Lake Kinneret Authority and the Kinneret Lab Research Institute to examine thoroughly the reasons for deterioration in the lake's water.

Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsuri appealed to the two bodies following the release of laboratory test results of water samples taken from the Kinneret over the last few months.

Tsuri said the samples show a deterioration in the quality of the lake's water as well as the existence of seaweed, which has a negative effect on the lake's chlorophyll level.

He added that the drop in the number of fish and the existence of very small sardines also indicate pollution in the lake.

Authority director Zvi Ortenberg blamed the results on pollution emanating from nearby cowsheds, sewage systems which are not operating properly, and tourism and holiday resorts.

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Denish krone	0.6540	0.6255	0.54	0.6540
Finland mark	0.0017	0.0027	0.07	0.0017
Canadian dollar	2.2178	2.2291	2.17	2.2178
Australian dollar	2.2577	2.2348	2.25	2.2577
S. African rand	0.0212	0.0245	0.24	0.0212
Belgian franc (F10)	0.0003	0.0003	0.06	0.0003
Austrian schilling (S10)	2.6530	2.6516	2.65	2.6530
Italian lira (L100)	1.8283	1.8283	1.83	1.8283
Jordanian dinar	—	—	—	—
Israeli pound	—	—	—	—
Irish punt	4.8070	4.8688	4.85	4.8070
Spanish peseta (P100)	4.7520	4.7510	4.81	4.7520
	2.3727	2.4110	2.35	2.3716

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**FELICE MARANZ**



Among active stocks, Bezeq jumped 1.8% on \$1.9m. of trade. Africa Israel Investments rose 1% on \$1.67m. of trade. "It was punished badly in the past weeks because of talk of problems in the property market, which I think is probably unfounded," Phillips said. The most active stock on the Two-Sided and Maof was Teva, up 0.5% on \$2.1m. of trade. (Bloomberg)

## WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

were reluctant to take fresh positions ahead of the government's economic package due today. If the package does not differ greatly from expectations, its impact should be limited. The Nikkei average closed up 15.22 points or 0.85% at 18,474.38.

**HONG KONG** - Shares ended sharply lower on profit-taking following Wall Street's overnight dip. The Hang Seng index ended down 123.91 points or 1.27% at 9,646.14, off its intra-day low of 9,633.76. Brokers said US funds were the most active sellers.

**SYDNEY** - The share market closed weaker but off its lows after a futures-Led afternoon rally. Renewed buying interest in resource majors, all Ordinaries in the afternoon, was a factor. The index was 2.40 points lower at 2,163.60. Market participants said a strong futures market in the early afternoon, aided by renewed buying interest in resource majors, had dragged the physical market back from its early lows to be just lower at the close.

## WALL STREET REPORT

housing industry that analysts said signaled the beginning of an expected plateau.

Construction of new homes rose in August for the fifth straight month, but the slight 0.6

Advancing and declining issues ended almost even on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,126

Big Board volume totaled 371.04 million shares as of 4 p.m. (2000 GMT), vs. 326.07 million

The NYSE's composite index rose 0.55 to 313.11. Standard and Poor's 500-stock index advanced 1.43 to 584.20.

At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index slipped 0.75 to 547.12.

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				Alfa D.		2366	1.5	Alfa D.		300	2366
Mortgage Banks & Finance	Price	Ytd Chg	Vol	Alfa D.		41498	2.2	Alfa D.		1065	112639
				Alfa D.		36937	0.2	Alfa D.		1065	36937
				Alfa D.		5054	-0.2	Alfa D.		1750	5054
				Alfa D.		2550	2.2	Alfa D.		2400	2550
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				Alfa D.		16424	1.0	Alfa D.		300	16424
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## INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

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		Change
US dollar	NIS 3.0430	-0.00%
Sterling	NIS 4.7005	-0.00%
Mark	NIS 2.0450	-0.00%

**INTL STOCK**

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	4787.04	-13.37
DJ Transport	1878.13	-22.26
DJ Utilities	527.02	-0.46
DJ Comp	1912.30	-0.80
NYSE Index	330.41	-0.45
NYSE Transport	226.58	-3.32
NYSE Comp	313.11	-0.55
S&P 100	553.5	-0.93
S&P Spot Index	584.5	-1.23
AMEX Comp	54.2	-0.10

Exchanged Advances Declined

Volume up (in 1000s)	1100	1086
Volume down (in 1000s)	72230	172330
	167175	

### Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3541.4	+8.1
Tokyo Nikkei average	18474.9	+155.2
Singapore all-share index	514.32	-2.75
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	5928.14	-123.91
Israel index	199.44	+3.05

	Low	Mid	High
1. <i>Price</i>	1.00	1.00	1.00
2. <i>Quality</i>	1.00	1.00	1.00
3. <i>Quantity</i>	1.00	1.00	1.00
4. <i>Service</i>	1.00	1.00	1.00
5. <i>Delivery</i>	1.00	1.00	1.00
6. <i>Location</i>	1.00	1.00	1.00
7. <i>Reputation</i>	1.00	1.00	1.00
8. <i>History</i>	1.00	1.00	1.00
9. <i>Staff</i>	1.00	1.00	1.00
10. <i>Facilities</i>	1.00	1.00	1.00
11. <i>Security</i>	1.00	1.00	1.00
12. <i>Accessibility</i>	1.00	1.00	1.00
13. <i>Comfort</i>	1.00	1.00	1.00
14. <i>Convenience</i>	1.00	1.00	1.00
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50. <i>Employee Effort</i>	1.00	1.00	1.00
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75. <i>Employee Effort</i>	1.00	1.00	1.00
76. <i>Employee Stress</i>	1.00	1.00	1.00
77. <i>Employee Job Satisfaction</i>	1		

Item	Price	Weight
Apple II Plus	\$1,095	0
Amiga I	1,295	0
Amiga II	1,095	0
Bit Technology	3,437.5	+0.1675
Commodore	125	+0.125
Fractal Fractal (microchips)	12.5	+0.125
East Land	2.75	+0.125
East Land II	2.75	+0.125
East Land III	2.75	+0.125
East Land IV	2.75	+0.125
East Land V	2.75	+0.125
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East Land LXXXXXI	2.75	+0.125

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Dollar crossrates (US)		
	Last	Change
spot	1.5639	-0.0017
1-month	1.5628	-0.0028
3-month	1.4838	-0.0006
6-month	0.6243	-0.0041
1-year	1.5591	-0.0034
2-year	0.5937	0
3-year	104.42	-1.027
4-year	0.6068	-0.0018
5-year	0.6068	-0.0018
10-year	0.7731	-0.0024
15-year	0.7608	-0.0082
20-year	0.7608	-0.0082
25-year	0.7608	-0.0082
30-year	5.1186	-0.0134
1-month	1813	+10
3-month	8.823	-0.0084
6-month	10.475	-0.02
1-year	3.878	0
2-year	1.2833	-0.0051
3-year	1.2833	+0.5
4-year	590.45	+1.7

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3 months	5.8125	0
6 months	5.8125	0
12 months	5.8125	0
3 months	5.8125	0
6 months	5.8125	0
12 months	6.75	0
3 months	5.875	0
6 months	5.75	0
12 months	2.625	0
3 months	4.1875	0
6 months	4.1875	0
12 months	4.1875	0
3 months	0.4375	0
6 months	0.5	0
12 months	0.5	0

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## INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

copra (Dec) (CEC)	1291	+3
oilse (Dec) (CEC)	179.05	-5.15
ugar hr. 11 (Oct) (CEC)	10.90	-2.13
rice (Dec) (CBOT)	687.75	-8.75
ryebars (Nov) (CBOT)	655.5	-8.25
orange juice (Nov) (CEC)	17.35	+2.35
auto oil 1974 (Oct) (CEC)	18.95	-0.02

**London commodities**

1207 (LDC:	31.7	.5
	7228	-271

Spot market metals (US)		Last Change
Aluminum	1.00	0.00
Copper	1.00	0.00
Gold	1.00	0.00
Iron	1.00	0.00
Nickel	1.00	0.00
Palladium	1.00	0.00
Platinum	1.00	0.00
Silver	1.00	0.00
Tin	1.00	0.00
Zinc	1.00	0.00

...metal futures

	Last	Change
AD (2002)	389.3	-2.4
AD (2001)	550.8	-0.543
AD (2000)	440.8	-0.7
AD (1999)	440.8	-0.7

London metal fixes

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

MOST unimacho of men, superb actor Oded Teomi plays two not dissimilar macho roles. Tonight he's the snug professor of David Mamet's lacerating *Oleanna* in which the prof's patronizing complacency is tattered by his student, played with maddening irritation (and that's the way she should be) by Shiri Golan. At Tzavta Tel Aviv at 8:30 p.m. Tomorrow it's over to Beit Liessan to watch industrialist Tom try to bridge a gaping gulf between himself and his one-time mistress Shira (Dafna Rechter) in David Hare's hit *Skylight*, at Beit Liessan at 8:30 p.m. (both in Hebrew).



Meryl Streep and Clint Eastwood share a fleeting passion in 'The Bridges of Madison County.' (Ken Regan/Camera 5)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Ashdod Chamber Orchestra opens its subscription season tomorrow in Yad Labanin in Yachted under music director Luis Gorklik in an all-Mozart program featuring the overture to *Le Nozze di Figaro*, the sixth symphony and the 28th symphony. Chilean Alfredo Perl joins in to perform Amadeus' 23rd piano concerto K. 488. The concert is repeated Saturday at the Tel Aviv Museum - a special gala evening commemorating the 185th anniversary of Chile's independence.

Sarod master Sanjay Sharma and tabla player Sukhvinder Singh Namdhri present a recital of traditional Indian music at the Confederation House in Jerusalem tonight (8.30).

TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

JERRY Seinfeld is a sneak. With deadpan, observational humor, he manages to send up the Jewish middle-class in much the same way that used to get writer Philip Roth into so much trouble. And no one calls Seinfeld a self-hater. In a gently devastating repeat episode shown last night, he skewered the knee-jerk reverence toward *Schindler's List* by necking with his girlfriend against the background of the grim soundtrack, and later dissembling to his parents about what a powerful experience the movie was. His

folks, who were visiting from Florida on route to a wedding anniversary trip to Paris, missed their flight when Jerry's father got caught up in the excitement of unloading three boxes of decades-old raincoats to a "vintage" clothing store. Does anyone remember the howls of protest that greeted the portrait of the Patinkin clan in *Goodbye Columbus*? If Roth watches *Seinfeld*, he must be chuckling over what Jerry is getting away with. Or at how American Jews have relaxed about themselves. Tonight, *Seinfeld* sits at 11:20 p.m. on Channel 3.

FILMS

ADINA HOFFMAN

\*\*\* THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY - The movie's bodice-ripping plot is based on the awful bestseller by Robert James Waller, but its more genuine, tonal inspiration seems to come from the restrained golden-green roll of the Midwestern landscape where the action unfolds. A melancholy calm hovers over those hills and the whole picture, a fine addition to Clint Eastwood's moody directorial oeuvre and to Meryl Streep's acting credits. As Francesca Johnson, a lonely Iowa housewife who falls in love with a lonelier *National Geographic* photographer, Streep is radiant and warm. The movie also marks Eastwood's most sensitive work, both as director and actor. Like the movie itself, he's straight, old-fashioned and has surprising class. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children)

TELEVISION

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6:30 News 8:45 Cartoons 7:00 Good Morning Israel

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8:00 Anthropology 8:30 Arithmetic 8:55 Israel history 9:30 English 9:30 Young children's programs 10:00 Family relations 10:30 Current affairs (rpt) 11:00 Music 11:35 Geography 11:55 Judaism 12:20 Life sciences 12:50 French 12:55 Science and technology 13:10 Stories 13:30 Children's programs

CHANNEL 1

15:30 Tinytoon 15:50 Dramatized short stories 16:00 The Road to Avonlea 17:00 A New Evening 17:35 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS  
17:50 Soccer: Israel vs. Uruguay (South America champion) 18:45 News in Arabic 19:00 Soccer (continued)

HEBREW PROGRAMS  
20:00 Mabat 21:00 Conference Call - with Nissim Mishi 21:35 Songs of the Yinnon - Rock and Romance. With Yarden Arzi, Ahinon Nini, The Witches and others 22:15 No Man's Land - media magazine 23:05 Dream On 23:30 News magazine

CHANNEL 2

13:00 Byrds of Paradise 14:00 Star Trek - the next generation 15:00 Power Rangers 15:30 Paradise Beach 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 Reshet at Five 17:30 SportV - youth sports magazine 18:00 Seiora 19:00 Princess Daisy 20:00 News 20:30 Wheel of Fortune 21:05 Chicago Hope 22:00 Gazi and Nitzani - entertainment and current affairs 23:20 Cracker 00:00 News 00:05 Cracker (continued) 00:30 Muddy on the Bounty (1935) - The classic story of the mutiny against the tyrannical Captain Bligh in the South Seas. Starring Charles Laughton and Clark Gable (132 mins)

JORDAN TV

13:00 Inspector Gadget - cartoon

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13:30 Super Champs - children's drama 14:00 Tomorrow's World documentary 14:30 Amazing Stories 15:00 Families 16:00 French programs 18:35 Arthur C. Clarke's Amazing Universe 19:00 Anything for a Laugh - comedy 19:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 20:15 Sports Tonight 21:25 Prison 21:45 Blue Skies - drama 22:45 Silk Road - miniseries 23:30 Varieties

MIDDLE EAST TV

13:00 The 700 Club 13:55 Northeast of Seoul - three friends unite in search of a legendary Chinese sword. Starring Anita Ekberg and John Ireland 15:20 Moomins 16:55 Heathcliff 16:20 Inspector Gadget 16:45 Superbook 17:10 Hart to Hart 18:10 Magnum P.I. 18:00 World News Tonight (Arabic) 19:30 CNN Headline News 20:00 Coach 20:30 Matlock 21:20 Murder She Wrote 22:10 The 700 Club

CABLE

FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Roxanne 9:00 One Life to Live 9:45 Young and the Restless 10:30 Perfect Strangers 10:55 The Wonder Years 11:25 Celeste 12:35 Perry Mason 13:30 Starting at 13:40 14:00 St. Elsewhere 14:55 Roxanne 15:40 Melrose Place 16:30 Neighbors 16:55 Antenna 17:45 Israeli Clips 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Celeste 20:50 Melrose Place 21:40 Sisters 22:30 Sweet Justice 23:20 Seinfeld 23:45 ER 00:35 Law and Order 1:25 Dangerous Curves

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 Time Rider (1983) - (rpt) 12:10 Fun in Acapulco (1963) - (rpt) 13:45 El 14:35 September (1987) - (rpt) 16:05 Tootsie and the Whistle (1989) - (rpt) 17:40 Baby on Board (1991) - (rpt) 18:10 Perry Mason: Murder, Madam 18:30 The 1930s: The Great Escape (1988) - (rpt) 20:45 What's New at the Movies 21:00 Love Crimes (1992) Twisted thriller about a lawyer who becomes involved with a criminal posing as a fashion photographer. Starring Sean Young and Patrick Bergin. Directed by Lizzie Borden (86 min) 22:30 Kiss of a Killer (1992) - (rpt) 00:10 Distant Cousins (1992) - (rpt) 01:40 Double Impact (1991) - (rpt)

CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 8:00 Surprise Garden 9:00 Little Monsters 9:40 Casper and Friends 10:00 Mighty Max 10:35 Back to the Future 11:00 Saved by the Bell 11:30 Lois and Clark 12:30 Surprise Garden 13:00 The Detective 13:10 Penguin Gang 14:30 Mighty Max 15:05 Back to the Future 15:30 Growing Pains 16:00 Party of Five 17:00 The Black Stallion 17:30 Surprise Garden 18:30 Little Monsters 19:00 Casper and Friends 19:30 The 3rd Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:30 Perfect Strangers 20:55 Step by Step 21:20 Cheers 21:45 Clips

SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Princess of the Moon (1987) - Based on ancient Japanese folk tale of a young girl who from heaven, S. poor couple on earth, who then choose a husband from three p. kings (1987) - Classic adventure film set in Norway. The Bridges of King Douglas, Tony Curtis and Leigh. Directed by Richard Fleisher (110 min)

6:00 Tennis 7:00 Cycling from Brazil

DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University: Social Sciences and Education 12:00 Nature of Things 13:00 Special Forces 13:30 Fields of Armor 14:00 Open University (repeat of morning's programs) 16:00 Nature of Things 17:00 Special Forces 17:30 Fields of Armor 18:00 Open University (repeat of morning's programs) 20:00 Survival 21:30 Nature on Track 22:00 The Next Step 22:30 The Practical Guide to the Universe 23:00 Search for Adventure 23:45 Open University (repeat of morning's programs)

ITV 3 (33)

17:00 Cartoons 17:30 Sage of the Ages 18:30 Panorama - Mideast Magazine 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Songs 20:00 Drama Series 21:00 Mabat 22:00 World phenomena 22:50 Jazz

ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Full House 16:00 The World - A TV History (rpt) 16:30 Goya (rpt) 18:00 Keep Fit 18:15 Neon Rider 19:00 Fleiswick Papers 19:30 On Second Thoughts 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtitles) 20:30 Lubbock's Ten Sons 21:00 Sounds from the Auditorium - Prokofiev

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 ITN News 6:15 US Market Wrap 6:30 Seals and Deas 7:00 Today 9:00 SuperShow 10:00 European Money Wheel 14:00 US Money Wheel 17:30 IT Business Tonight 18:00 ITN News 18:30 The Man Who Saw Stars 19:30 The Selina Scott Show 20:30 Dateline 21:30 ITN News 22:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 23:00 Golf 00:00 IT Business Tonight 00:30 NBC News 1:00 Real Personal

STAR PLUS

6:00 The Sullivan 6:30 De Medici Kitchen 7:00 El TV 7:30 Donahue 8:30 Santa Barbara 9:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 10:00 Oprah Winfrey 11:00 Riviera 11:30 De Medici Kitchen 12:00 Aerobics 12:30 The Sullivan 13:00 Small Wonder 13:30 Star Trek 14:30 Babylon 15:00 Home and Away 15:30 Entertainment Tonight 16:00 MYA'S 16:30 Double Howser M.D. 17:00 Anything But Love 17:30 NYPD Blue 18:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 19:00 Santa Barbara 20:00 Hard Copy 20:30 The Fall Guy 21:30 Voyage 22:30 Entertainment Tonight 23:00 Oprah Winfrey 00:00 Hard Copy 00:30 Home and Away 1:00 The Sullivan

CHANNEL 5

7:00 - 8:30 Bodies in motion 16:00 Bodies in motion 16:30 National league soccer 17:30 Badminton 18:30 Sports cinema: Marial Law 20:30 Boxing 21:30 European Cup soccer 23:00 Israeli basketball: Maccabi TA vs Ha-poel Gvat

EUROSPORT

8:30 Aerobics 9:30 Athletics 11:30 Motoring magazine 14:00 Chess 14:30 Horse racing 15:30 Live cycling 16:30 Tennis 17:00 World Cup 17:30 Tennis 18:00 Cycling from Brazil

CINEMA

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MATNAS Braveheart 9:15 \* Casper 5, 7

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BBC WORLD

News on the hour 6:00 BBC Newsday 9:05 Horizon 10:25 Britain in View 11:25 Time Out: Film '95 14:15 Panama 16:10 World Business Report 16:25 Time Out: The Clothes Show 17:05 Locomotion 18:25 Time Out: Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld 21:05 Legacy 22:25 Time Out: Woolridge On Whiskey - A loving look at Scotland's national drink 23:25 World Business Report

CNN INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day 7:30 Moneyline 8:30 World Report 9:45 CNN Newsmagazine 10:30 Showbiz Today 11:30 World Report 12:00 Business Day 13:00 Business Asia 13:30 World Sport 14:30 Business Asia 15:00 Larry King Live 15:30 OJ Simpson Special 16:30 World Sport 17:30 Business Asia 22:25 Time Out: Woolridge On Whiskey - A loving look at Scotland's national drink 23:25 World Business Report

SKY NEWS

News on the hour 6:30 ABC World News 7:00 Sunrise 10:30 Special Report 11:30 ABC Nightline 12:00 CBS News and Business Report 14:30 CBS News This Morning 15:30 Amateur Naturalist 16:30 Healthwatch 18:00 Live at Five 19:30 Tonight with Adam Boulton 21:00 World News and Business Report 21:30 The OJ Simpson Trial 1:30 CBS Evening News

RADIO

VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Musical Matinee 9:05 Mendelssohn: Octet in E flat for strings op 20 (Vienna Soloists); Nielsen: Wind quintet op 43 (wind players of Philadelphia orch); Elgar: Violin concerto in B minor (Perelman/Chicago SO/Barenboim); Bizet: Symphony in C (French RSO/Bescham); Franck: Symphony in D minor (NYPO/Bernstein); Debussy: 2 Kvarnettes for orch (English CO/Britten); 12:00 Light Classical - Uvi Mayer conducts Edmonston Symphony Orch in works by Borodin, Hamilton Harry, Schubert, Britten 13:30 Isaac Stern (violin); Beethoven: Violin concerto in D (with NYPO/Barenboim); Vivaldi: "Spring" from The Four Seasons, Violin concerto in E (with IPO/Mehl); 14:05 Keys 15:00 Keys 16:00 Hymn to the Virgin of the Byzantine Church; Clara Schumann: piano pieces (Tzohar); Mahler: Symphony no 6 "Tragic" (Vienna PO/Maazel); 18:00 Mozart: String quartet in D K285; Beethoven: Sonata no 4 in C for cello and piano op 1021 (Ma, Axl; Schumann: Papillons op 2 (Peralta); Clara Schumann: Piano trio in G minor op 17 (Dartington); Stravinsky: Pulcinella complete ballet 20:05 Bach: Brandenburg Concertos (Kortvliet/Klemperer); 22:00 The Generation - violinist Elia Mornini, Tchaikovsky: Violin concerto in D (with NYPO/Bernstein); works by Falla, Kreisler, Heuberg, Tchaikovsky, Gounod, Godard

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS  
1 The extended family possibly reveals it (9)  
9 Some law-givers' edicts seem familiar (6)  
10 A device of people on the make (9)  
11 All out attack (8)  
12 To cross Crete isn't bad



## Eitan wants Tsomet MKs to pay 'deposit' for loyalty

SARAH HONIG

IF Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan has his way, the party's Knesset candidates will each be required to post a NIS 100,000 bond, to be forfeited if any MK leaves Tsomet for another party.

Eitan formally made the proposal, which requires central committee approval to be adopted, to his party yesterday.

This is the first-ever such move in any of Israel's political parties, and Eitan explained it as "a preventive move geared to deter any candidate from following in the footsteps of Gonen Segev. We hope this is unnecessary and will not happen. But one never knows. No one imagined Gonen Segev would do what he did either. Losing NIS 100,000 might deter some people, maybe not all, but we must do whatever we can to immunize ourselves against the Gonen Segev syndrome."

Segev was second on Tsomet's 1992 Knesset list. He and MKs Esther Salmowitz and Alex Goldfarb split off from Tsomet to form Yit'ad after a disagreement with Eitan. Segev and Goldfarb later joined the coalition, despite the fact "that they knew full well they were stealing national camp votes and taking them to the coalition which stands for precisely the opposite of what the Tsomet electorate voted for," Eitan said.

In 1992, each Tsomet MK signed an undertaking to seek a vote of confidence from the party institutions after two years in the House and to return his mandate if the party expressed no-confidence in him. The Yit'ad trio ignored this provision, and legal experts are unsure whether Tsomet would be able to collect its bond if another MK puts it to the test.

Meanwhile, Eitan repeatedly refuses to release the names of the eight chosen as party candidates in a special "sorting committee" deliberation earlier in the month. Eitan's formal argument is that he prefers "not to foment discord in the ranks by a premature disclosure."

A further 18 candidates are to be chosen in primaries and the central committee will then rank all the candidates.

Among those who sought a nomination from the committee was outgoing Tsomet director-general Doron Shmueli, who was supported by Eitan but opposed by MK Moshe Peled. It is not known whether or not his candidacy has been approved. Peled charges that Shmueli is as ideologically unreliable as Segev was.

Some Tsomet officials speculate that Eitan's bond idea is designed to erase any lingering doubts about Shmueli's loyalties.

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Differences on Hebron have been narrowed but still remain. In a major move, Israel accepted the principle that the IDF would redeploy out of an unspecified area of the city, and it apparently agreed that it would not explicitly insist that it be written that the IDF has overriding authority or the freedom of movement in the city. However, it seems that Palestinian police functions in the city would be limited to maintaining public order, and will not have other functions it enjoys in other Arab cities.

IDF forces would be stationed to protect specific areas, where an estimated 400 Jewish settlers reside.

## Weizman dismayed by pace of talks

President Ezer Weizman said yesterday he is disappointed by the pace of talks focusing on interim issues, rather than finalizing an agreement with the Palestinians.

Speaking to industrialists at a ceremony marking National Export Day, Weizman said Israel must reach an agreement with the Palestinians by next year.

Although he said Israel's bargaining chips are dwindling, he congratulated negotiators and expressed confidence Israel will soon have peace agreements with Syria and Lebanon as well. *lit*

# Artillery Corps unveils rocket system

ALON PINKAS

THE Artillery Corps is undergoing a profound and revolutionary transformation with the introduction of the advanced, US-made, Multiple Launched Rocket System (MLRS), said OC Artillery Brig.-Gen. Shuka Dorfman yesterday. The MLRS was officially unveiled together with other systems designed to bring the corps into the next millennium.

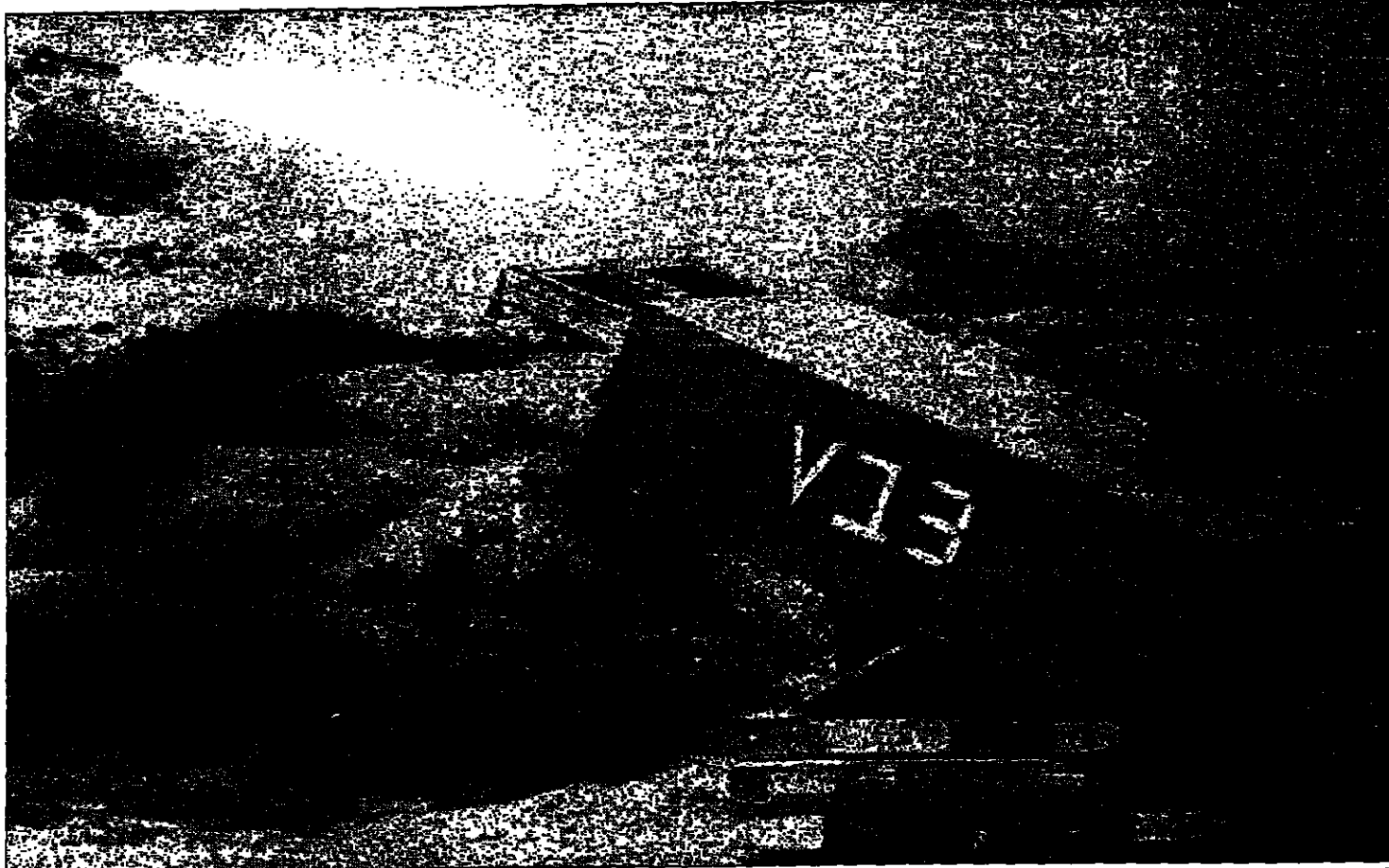
The decision to acquire the MLRS was made in February 1993, following several years of evaluations and budgetary constraints. The MLRS is capable of firing 12 rockets simultaneously from 10-32 kilometers.

The 227mm. rockets carry a payload of cluster bombs, which are released when the rockets explode over the battlefield. The MLRS is a so-called "shoot and scoot" system, meaning it fires and redeployes immediately, thus decreasing its exposure to return fire.

The MLRS, used effectively by the US in the Gulf War, is designed to be used against second-echelon forces, which includes logistics, engineering, and reinforcements moving behind front line units.

The system is already operational in the IDF. Since 1993, IDF officers and soldiers have trained with the MLRS at the US Army Artillery School in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

The total cost of the new system is estimated at \$360 million, all allocated in the 1995 US military grant to Israel, as part of the Pentagon's Foreign Military Sales Program. An additional NIS 400 million are allocated to the project from the defense budget.



A rocket is test-fired yesterday by the new Artillery Corps MLRS system.

The addition of the MLRS and the advanced semi-autonomous M-109AS self-propelled howitzer to the IDF's arsenal immensely enhances our firepower and fire volume and extends the IDF's land-based long arm of fire," said Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak after the live-fire demonstration at the Rishon Beach proving grounds.

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## State hospital workers call end to strike

JUDY SIEGEL

STATE hospitals were spared further misery yesterday, when the Tel Aviv Labor Court persuaded striking cleaning workers to end their strike on its second day.

The workers immediately returned and began preparing meals, sterilizing equipment, washing laundry and reactivating the hospital's heating system. The union had launched the strike on Monday to protest against the government's refusal to implement recommendations of the Padeh Committee for raising salary scales in Kapat Clalit and government hospitals.

The employers agreed to do so, and were instructed to sit down for continuous talks. The two sides will report their progress to the court by October 5.

The union had launched the strike on Monday to protest against the government's refusal to implement recommendations of the Padeh Committee for raising salary scales in Kapat Clalit and government hospitals. Workers felt the strike could not have been prevented because they had been demanding intensive negotiations without preconditions.

## Levy boasts over 100,000 signatures for candidacy

MK David Levy claimed yesterday that he had already surpassed his goal to collect 100,000 signatures on a petition forwarding his candidacy for prime minister.

Levy was speaking at a ceremony inaugurating his new offices in Tel Aviv.

The law requires only 50,000 signatures or the support of 10 MKs. Since Levy is not backed by a Knesset faction, he is obliged to supply signatures. Levy said from the outset that he would bring double what is needed.

"This," Levy announced yesterday "shows unequivocally that we will not be just another party but one of the great parties. We will be a large party with which all the others will have to reckon. A powerful new force has been born in Israel."

The polls currently predict between two to three MKs for his list. *Sarah Honig*

## PROGRESS

As a symbol of newly won Palestinian Authority (PA) control, Israel agreed to turn over its main IDF installation in the city to serve as the Palestinian Police headquarters.

However, differences remained on when the IDF redeployment would be. A key difference is that the Palestinians insist that the pullback take place concurrent with all other Palestinian cities, namely before elections.

Israeli officials have insisted that security dictates that the pullback only occur after a bypass road around Halhoul is completed.

The Palestinians also want 500 Palestinian policemen stationed in Hebron, while Israel has agreed to about 200 armed with light weapons. Moreover, on a symbolic level, the Palestinians want it stated that "Hebron is an Arab city," but last night Peres demurred. "Historically, Hebron is the city of our fathers," he said, but added that the key was to find compromises in dealing with the reality of today while avoiding "sweeping declarations."

Meanwhile, relatives of Israelis who were killed by terrorists met with Peres, but failed to win a commitment from him to toughen the extradition clause or to link extraditions to the release of Palestinian prisoners.

## Labor to urge members not to form new party

SARAH HONIG

THE Labor Party will convene its members active in the Third Way tomorrow, in an effort to persuade them against forming a new party, which may be set up by Labor MKs Avigdor Kahalani and Emanuel Zissman.

In another move, Labor Party secretary-general Nissim Zivli yesterday sought to apply pressure on another Laborite who might run against his party - Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon. Zivli demanded that Ramon announce whether he plans to support Labor in the next elections or found another new party.

But Ramon insists he will not decide before mid-1996. He is essentially demanding reserved slots on the Knesset list for himself and

his Histadrut faction colleagues, MK Amir Perez and Shmuel Avital.

Avital dismissed "Zivli's ultimatum," yesterday, saying "obviously Zivli has learned nothing from what went on during the Histadrut campaign when he virtually pushed us out of Labor and he is pushing again. If he wants to frighten us then we hereby officially inform him that he has failed to instill panic in our hearts and send us scurrying back for the security of the old party fold. Zivli will not manage to get us to make any move at any time which does not best serve our interests and not his."

The convening of the Third Way's Labor Party activists is also a Zivli initiative. Zivli hopes that out of the estimated 60 Laborites who are Third Way council members, most will oppose the launching of a new party. If he gets them to pass a resolution against leaving Labor, Zivli believes he will be able to deter Kahalani and Zissman.

The Third Way Council is due to convene next month to decide whether the movement will become a bona fide party. Political observers believe there is a solid majority within the council for the formation of a new party, with most of the opponents Laborites.

## Lawyer for 'Ma'ariv' investigator calls for charges to be dropped

RAINE MARCUS

THE lawyer of private investigator Rafi Friedman, charged with tapping scores of phones, cellular phones and faxes on behalf of Ma'ariv publisher Ofer Nimrod and others, said yesterday he will ask the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court to either drop charges or acquit his client before the evidence in the trial is heard.

Attorney Avigdor Feldman argued that since Friedman's former partner and co-defendant Ya'acov Tsur secretly turned State's Witness against Nimrod during his client's trial, it was impossible to give Friedman a fair hearing.

"This is a most incorrect way to conduct a trial," he said. "On the one hand [Tsur] was accused to conduct a trial, he said. "On the other hand [Tsur] was acting as a police agent, gathering

evidence against my client and against my client's lawyer Moti Katz."

Feldman said it was inconceivable that Tsur, while still a co-defendant in the media wiretapping case, appearing in the same courtroom as Friedman, clandestinely gathered evidence for police against Friedman and others.

"Vital evidence and my client's line of defense were exposed, causing irreparable damage," he said.

Tsur will not testify against Friedman but will against Katz, suspected of obstructing justice by transferring hush money from Nimrod to the pair to ensure they did not cooperate with police.

Judge Zecharia Caspi adjourned yesterday's hearing until October 24.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Arafat again videotaped praising terrorists

Another videotape showing PLO chairman Yasser Arafat praising terrorists was revealed yesterday by the Institute for Peace Education. Arafat is shown celebrating the start of the school year with girls in Gaza and praised them as being part of the "revolution" as were Abir Wahidi, the man who murdered Zvi Klein in 1991. "With strength and blood we will redeem Palestine," the girls said. The video of Arafat speaking on Palestinian television on September 3 was translated and prepared by Yigal Carmon, former terrorism adviser to prime ministers Rabin and Shamir. *lit*

### Rabinovich concerned over House hearing

Ambassador to the US Itamar Rabinovich met yesterday with the House International Relations Committee chairman Benjamin Gilman to express concern over a hearing on the peace process that Gilman will preside over this morning. Rabinovich told Gilman that the testimony of those seen as opponents of aid to the Palestinians could turn the hearing into a free-for-all between Jewish groups supporting and opposing the peace process, Israeli officials said. *Hillel Kuttler*

### Taxi driver found beaten near Hebron

A Kiryat Gat taxi driver found beaten on the side of the Kiryat Gat-Hebron road yesterday told police three Arabs had attacked him and stolen his cab. Yehuda Cohen said three young men hailed his cab and asked to be taken to Kafr Iksa, then got in, beat him up, and threw him out of the cab, before driving off towards Hebron. Police launched a search and set up roadblocks in the region, but so far have not found the cab. *lit*

### Supreme Court weighs Meshulam appeal

The Supreme Court announced yesterday that it had postponed ruling on the appeal filed by Uzi Meshulam and seven of his followers of their conviction by Tel Aviv District Court in January on charges of endangering public security, possessing illegal weapons, and shooting at police. Meshulam was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment, while the seven got lesser terms. Their lawyer argued his clients had acted out of self-defense because they felt police aimed to attack them. He also maintained that there were defects in the trial. *lit*

### Tourist jumps to death

A German tourist jumped to his death from a burning sixth-floor room at a Dead Sea hotel yesterday, in what police believe was a suicide. The Moriah Plaza hotel was evacuated for a short while as firefighters put out the blaze, which only affected the room of the tourist, Horst Buchholz. A police spokesman said the initial investigation showed the fire was set in Buchholz's room. The spokesman said it was apparently a suicide, although other avenues are being investigated. *Bill Hutman*

### Golani Brigade runners arrive in capital

Participants in the Golani Brigade annual run reached Jerusalem yesterday afternoon, and new recruits from the brigade were received at Beit Hanassi.

President Ezer Weizman told the soldiers that physical conditioning is one of the most important parts of being a soldier. He also asked them about their service and wished them a happy New Year. *lit*

### Two more arrested for Rehovot gang rape

Two additional juveniles suspected of taking part in a series of gang rapes of two 14-year-old girls were arrested by Rehovot police yesterday. The girls complained to police Sunday night that they were subjected to a series of gang rapes over a three-week period at the home of a 19-year-old Rehovot resident, who allegedly filmed the acts. Police seized the camcorder used for filming the rapes and 8 video cassettes. The 19-year-old and a minor were arrested and remanded in Monday. *Raine Marcus*

## Weizman dismayed by pace of talks

President Ezer Weizman said yesterday he is disappointed by the pace of talks focusing on interim issues, rather than finalizing an agreement with the Palestinians.

Speaking to industrialists at a ceremony marking National Export Day, Weizman said Israel must reach an agreement with the Palestinians by next year.

Although he said Israel's bargaining chips are dwindling, he congratulated negotiators and expressed confidence Israel will soon have peace agreements with Syria and Lebanon as well. *lit*

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